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INTERNATIONAL MILITARY TRIBUNAL FOR THE FAR EAST Court House of the Tribunal
War Ministry Building Tokyo, Japan
The Tribunal met, pursuant to adjournment,
at 0930.
Appearances:
For the Tribunal, same as before.
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MARSHAL OF THE COURT: The International Military Tribunal for the Far East is now in session.

THE PRESIDENT: All the accused are present except TOGO and HIRANUMA who are represented by their counsel. The Prison Surgeon at Sugamo certifies that both are ill and unable to attend the trial today.

The certificate will be recorded and filed. Major Blakeney.

I was requested by the President to state our latest estimate of the remaining time to be consumed by the general phases of the defense case. Taking warning from the attempts of the prosecution along this line through last year, we do not wish to be very dogmatic in this respect; and, of course, the Tribunal does, I am sure, appreciate the difficulties of making an intelligent estimate in this matter. I have, however, taken the opinions of such of my colleagues as have been available and have struck an average of those opinions. The figure thus arrived at works out to between three and one-third and three and one-half months.

THE PRISIDENT: From now, Major Blakeney?

MM. BLAKENFY: The time remaining from now,

that is, to see us through the completion of all

general phases.

THE PHESIDENT: Have you made any estimate for the whole case which you would like to disclose, that is, for the whole of the case for the defense?

MR. BIALENEY: That has not as yet been discussed.

THE PRESIDENT: Our respective national governments and courts are interested in this, of course. No threat is implied.

MR. BLAKENEY: Nor does my estimate constitute a threat to the Tribunal.

THE PRESIDENT: Thank you.

MR. BLAKENEY: I was reading yesterday from prosecution exhibit No. 445.

THE PRESIDENT: I have a correction to make on page 20,384 of the record, lines 11 and 12: Delete the words from "yet" to "another" and substitute "Usually you are made to conform to one religion and to abjure another."

MM. BLAKENEY: I have remaining a few excerpts, mostly brief, from the document exhibit 445.

THE PRESIDENT: I thin! it is the desire of the Tribunal that you be assured that our inquiry about the time the general phases are going to take does not mean shutting out anything relevant. The accused will get their full and fair trial which is required by the Charter.

Yes, Major Blakeney.

MR. BLAKENEY: I read from the second paragraph on page 12 of the document in question.

"Modern city plans have also been projected to the cities of Harbin, Mukden, Kirin, Tsitsihar, as important cities of Manchoukuo, and as they are put into operation one after another, these cities will have aspects of beautiful modern cities in the near future.

"B. Development of Agriculture.

"Agriculture is the mainstay of our national economy. The objective for the increase of farm produces lies in planning to become self-sufficient in those products which at present must be imported from abroad, as well as in striving to export in greater quantities agricultural produces in general and thereby secure a large reasure of happiness and benefit for the rural masses and elevate their standard of living.

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I shall now read page 21, not read by the prosecution, in its entirety.

"F. Improvement of Private Economy.

"The Government of Manchoukuo desires to improve the private economy of this country and will rot tolerate the existence of any class of idlers in the country; it will encourage the virtues of self-dependence and cooperation with others, for which objects the following measures were adopted:

- people will be safeguarded with all available means.
- "'2. Necessary arrangements will be considered by the Government and people to prepare against famines and other natural calamities, and thereby prevent starvation among the inhabitants.
- "'3. National power will be expanded by readjusting taxation, and by rationally dividing and lightening the burden of the people.
- "'4. The necessities of life will be supplied to the people at low prices.
- "'5. The fruits of mutual assistance will be secured by effecting a sound development of various industrial and credit associations.
- "'6. Measures will be provided to give work to the unemployed."

"In order to execute these objects, the Government has taken every means during these five years.

"For the natural calamities and bandit disasters which unhappily happened since the foundation of the new State, the Government made its best exertions to make the best of ther.

"Emergency warehouse system, auction system, revision of taxation system, circulation of money in the agricultural villages, establishment of fraternal societies may be numerated as their examples.

"As above-mentioned, Manchoukuo carried the proclamation of the establishment and fundamental policies for economic construction into execution faithfully and attained splendid achievement and most of them display better results than expected. You may easily draw your conclusion if you compare these results with the reports of the Lutton Commission of Enquiry and the Barnby Commission of Enquiry.

"If you compare above-mentioned results to those of the Soviet Union and the Chinese Republic and investigate how many percents of their promised policies have been put into execution, you would recognize our splendid achievement."

THE PRESIDENT: None of that was read by the prosecution.

IR. BLAKENEY: No, sir.

And from page 32 in the paragraph numbered

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(Reading) "Money Market." I shall read the second half of the sentence not read by the prosecution.

"At the same time the government laid a plan further to rearrange and strengthen the local ordinary banks, to increase rural cooperative credit association, to establish newly urban cooperative credit associations, to manage to bring these associations into full play, to reduce the rate of interest in order to assist the monetary activities of middle and small scale commercial and industrial men as well as farmers."

That concludes the reading from that document.

Language Section: Top of page 17.

As further evidence of l'anchukuo's attempt to entice foreign capital, I read from prosecution exhibit 446, on page 54. The table at the bottom of the page, which I shall not read in its entirety, shows the disbursements in third Powers to be 27

per cent of the total for the 5-Year Plan as compared with 30 per cent of the total disbursements of the plan in Japan.

From page 56 I read the second paragraph from the bottom of the page, consisting of one sentence:

"(a) Introduction of Foreign Capital in connection with Automobile and Aircraft Manufacturing Industries: 340,000,000 yen."

Only that from this document.

For its value in showing that Manchukuo and the Kwantung Army had no plans for \*\*Egrcsive\* warfare or for the exclusion of foreigners from Manchukuo, I now offer in evidence defense document No. 569, a letter showing that in 1938 an American Engineering firm made a thorough survey of the leading heavy industry in Manchuria, the SHOWA Steel Works.

THE PRESIDENT: Brigadier Ouilliam, we will hear your objections when we have the document. It is easier to follow.

BRIGADIER CUILLIAM: It is submitted, if it please the Tribunal, that this document does not in any way assist to determine the question of aggressive war. In our submission it has no probative value

and it is also irrelevant. It is a letter from a firm of engineers. It merely shows that in the opinion of these engineers a certain steel plant in Manchuria is capable of expansion. In substance, the document is merely a reference to a report which is not produced. For these reasons, it is submitted that the document can be of no assistance to the Tribunal.

THE PRESIDENT: Major Blakeney.

MR. BLAKENEY: My learned friend discusses this question as if it were one of hearsey. It is not.

THE PRESIDENT: That would not be an objection. However, what is its relevance?

MR. BLAKENEY: We have no concern whatever with the content or nature of the report made.

THE PRESIDENT: It does not appear to have any bearing on any issue, Major Blakeney.

MR. BLAKENEY: The allegation is made that the Japanese, for reasons of their own, exploited Manchuria and excluded others therefrom while they built up an armaments industry.

I am told by the Clerk that we are looking at different documents.

THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

The correct document, it is submitted, is valuable as showing that the Manchurian Industrial Development Corporation was willing to call in foreign -- to wit, American -- engineers to inspect their alleged munitions plants and particularly the SHOWA Steel Works. The document is therefore offered for its value as circumstantial evidence of intention of the persons concerned in Manchuria.

THE PRESIDENT: The Court upholds the objection and rejects the document.

MR. BLAKENEY: Defense document No. 566, being an excerpt from "Mineral Resources of Manchuria as a Basis for Industry," a report made for the Manchuria Industrial Development Corporation by H. Foster Bain, is, I may say, tendered with the same intention and for the same reasons.

THE PRESIDENT: Brigadier Quilliam.

BRIGADIER QUILLIAM: May it please the Tribunal, we also object to this document. It is the introduction to a report in this case. It shows that there are undeveloped mineral resources in Manchuria.

The prosecution cannot dispute that point and would not desire to do so; nor can it be dis-

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puted that Japan was very anxious to develop those resources. It is also understandable that any outside assistance, and particularly American, would be helpful in such development. But these matters are not in issue. What is in issue is the reason for Japan's anxiety to develop those resources, and that subject isn't remotely touched upon in the document.

MR. BLAKENEY: The question of the reason for Japan's desire to develop these resources is, as Brigadier Quilliam says, the issue here. I suggest that a significant inference can be drawn on the question of whether the intention was to plan agressive war by the introduction of foreign expetts and scientists to see and inspect what was being done as late as 1938.

THE PRESIDENT: The Court upholds the objection and rejects the document.

TANAKA, Shīzuka whose evidence is embodied in defense document No. 1,005. The witness will be examined by I'r. Williams.

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	SHIZUKA TÄNAKA, called as a witness'
2	on behalf of the defense, being first duly
3	sworn, testified through Japanese interpreters
4	as follows:
5	DIRECT EXAMINATION
6	BY MR. G. C. WILLIAMS:
7	o Will you tell the Tribunal your name and
8	residence, please?
9	A Name: TANAKA, Shizuka Residence: Azabu
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12	MR. G. C. WILLIAMS: May the witness be
13	handed defense document No. 1,005?
	handed defense document no. 2,000
14	(Whereupon, a document was handed to
15	the witness.)
16	o will you briefly examine that document,
17	please, and tell the Tribunal whether or not it is
18	your affidavit?
19	A There is no mistake about it.
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21	O Are the contents thereof true and word
22	A I have discovered that there is one word
	misused. I would like to make an alteration.
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Japanese version it is the third page from the last,

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wherein it says "Mr. Foster Bain, of New York." This should be Chicago. This "Brassert Company of New York" should be "Brassert Company of Chicago." Aside from those errors are there any other changes? A No. MR. C. C. "ILLIAMS: "e offer in evidence defense document No. 1,005, the affidavit of the 8 witness TANAKA. 9 THE PRESIDENT: Admitted on the usual terms. 10 THE CLERK OF THE COURT: Defense document 11 1,005 will receive exhibit No. 2475. 12 (Whereupon, the document above referred 13 to was marked defense exhibit 2475 and received 14 in evidence.) 15 16 17 18 20 21

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MR. G. WILLIAMS: (Reading)

"I, TANAKA, Shizuka, swear on my conscience that the following statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief:

"I was in the employ of Finance Ministry
of Japan since April 1923 when I was graduated from
Tokyo Imperial University, the 12th year of Taisho
to July 1932 when I was selected as one of the group
of young officials for the posts in the Manchukuo
Government. We all arrived in Hsinking 17th July
1932 and assumed the new posts. From that time
I was in the service of Finance Department (later
called Economic Department) of Manchukuo Government
until the end of 1937 when I assumed the post of the
directorship of Manchuria Heavy Industry Development
Company on its establishment. In October 1944,
I was selected to be one of the directors of Manchuria
steel Works Corporation and remained in the same
position until the end of this war.

"After the foundation of Manchukuo the most fundamental problem of great importance confronting the new state was the establishment of financial basis and unification of currencies. However, there could be found no fitting personnel available for the post who could undertake this kind of work. Manchukuo

Government, then, requested the Japanese Government to send some officials who were acquainted with this kind of business to undertake the task. I was chosen for this post with Mr. HOSHINO, Naoki and others by Mr. TAKAHASHI, Korekiyo, then Finance Minister of Japan, and Mr. OHNO, Ryuta, then Chief of the secretariat Division thereof. When we were told by them about going over to the far away new state of which we knew very little, we all, and especially Mr. HOSHINO, declined to accept the posts, but after their persuasions, we decided to go realizing that some should go anyway.

"I recollect being told by viscount SAITO,
Makoto, then Prime Minister and assassinated in 1936,
when we took leave of him that we should be going over
there not as Japanese officials but to become the
officials of Manchukuo and keep this fact always in
mind while being in the service.

"On arrival in Hsinking I was appointed the Chief of Finance Bureau in the Finance Department, while Mr. HOSHINO, the Chief of General Affairs Bureau in the same department. The Minister of Finance was then Mr. Hsi-Hsia and Vice-Minister thereof was Sun Chi-Chiang and after Mr. Hsi-Hsia was relieved of the post, Mr. Sun was promoted to

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the Minister and Mr. Hung Wei-Kuo was appointed the Vice-Minister.

"The Finance Department consisted then of the following three bureaus; namely, General Affairs, Finance and Revenue. The Finance Bureau was chiefly engaged in the business concerning banking and currency, while Revenue Bureau had taxation and custom duties.

"The duty of the Chief of the General
Affairs Bureau was to maintain the coordination and
unification of the business among all other bureuas,
and has no such superior position to the Bureau Chief
as the Vice-Minister had.

"As it has very often proved difficult to discharge business in such position from a practical point of view the office of the Chief of General Affairs Bureau was abolished later when the recreanizations of various departments were carried out.

"It was a little before assuming our new duties in the Manchukuo Government that it started to take over the administrations of Kirin-Heilung-Kiang Salt Monopoly Office, Liaoning salt administration office and Maritime Customs one after another and to separate the financial office from every provincial government so as to put it under the control of the

Finance Department and thereby to concentrate the profit from salt monopolies, salt taxes, maritime customs and internal revenues in the same department. However, being without any definite prospect as to how much of these incomes could be realized, the government could find no other way than to live on a monthly budget which was extremely partial. Under such circumstances we were instructed to endeavor to find an estimated amount of yearly income within as short a time as possible.

Manchu which had opened its business on 1 July 1932, had set on the work of unification of old currencies with a new currency issued by it. As the most important task which the government was then confronting was the maintenance of the value of the new currency, it had to avoid by all means the unbalance of income and expenditure and loans from the Central Bank. But due to the unsatisfactory conditions of peace and order, the prospect of income was pessimistic, and in addition thereto increase of expenditure became unavoidable to defray the expenses for reconstructive works for the damages caused by floods in North Manchuria. Therefore, a plan was suggested in the government for raising a loan in Japan, which

to the maintenance of the value of the currency.

The government sent Mr. HOSHINO, the Chief of the General Affairs Bureau of the Finance Ministry which took charge of the matters pertaining to the loan and Mr. YAMANARI, Vice-President of the Central Bank, to Japan for negotiating loans in October of the same year. As I recollect, a report soon came from them in Tokyo telling us that the banking circles in Tokyo were not as favorable for the loan to be floated as was the Manchukuo Government as they were afraid there might be small hope of marketability of it, and further, that, if they would agree to the floatation of the loan, they would surely demand a guarantee as they used to do for a loan to China.

"After the deliberation in the government, it was decided that profit from opium and salt monopoly should be made the security because such revenue from taxations and customs were not considered proper for the purpose, and it was also decided that the monopoly profits should be made securities only on condition that it would be free for Manchukuo to change the monopoly system whenever it might be necessary. We then instructed Mr. YAMANARI and Mr. HOSHINO accordingly. Later, on receiving the notice

from them that the negotiation had been taking a favorable turn through the good offices of Mr.

TAKAHARHI, the Finance Minister of Japan, and that the Y 30,000,000 loan would be floated as was expected by us, the Government of Manchukuo took measures necessary to carry out this loan agreement. The law concerning the state foundation loan was thus promulgated 16 November 1932 in Hsinking, while in Tokyo the agreement was signed the 19th of the same month by Mr. HORHINO and Mr. YAMANARI representing us and by the representatives of Japanese loan syndicate. This loan could be duly repaid as agreed within seven years.

"It was in October 1932 when the first
Manchukuo yearly budget could be formed. In this
budget, the least possible expenditure was estimated,
the loan from the Central Bank being limited to the
amount of little more than ¥ 10,000,000. Simultaneously
with these steps, measures were successfully taken
to concentrate all sources of revenue which had been
in the hands of various provincial organs under the
control of the central government. Thus the yearly
budget system could be accomplished in 1933 on a sound
financial basis.

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tasks of the new government was to stabilize and maintain the value of the new currecny, and this taks was to be done mainly by the Finance Bureau of the Finance Department of which I was then the Chief. When I arrived in Hsinking, the government had already started the unification work of currencies. The law concerning the adjustments of old currencies had been promulgated already in June 1932 and the work of redemption of old notes was in progress. However, a greater portion of these notes were still left in circulation and yet to be redeemed. There were about fifteen kinds of such notes which had been issued by various provincial banks under the old regime, and which had annoyed the people very much, each with its constantly fluctuating value to a greater degree. It was in August 1935 that the unification of the currency was accomplished and in line.

"The Manchukuo Government adopted a new currency based on silver as was prescribed by the provisions of the Currency Law of 1932 and endeavored to maintain the value of Yuan equal to the price of 23.91 grammes of pure silver. The new currency was welcomed by Manchurian natives as they had become accustomed to silver dollars and we were able to

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retain its stability as the overall financial condition in the country was rapidly improving and the balance of payment in the foreign markets was favorable.

"We went on with this currency based on silver until 1935 when we finally were compelled to be divorced from silver in order to save our economy from the difficulties caused by the world silver situation.

"Another important task to be discharged relative to the unification of currency was the arrangement for the withdrawal of the Bank of Chosen - notes from Manchukuo. The Bank of Chosen had been entitled to issue its notes even in Manchukuo and the notes had been treated as legal tender in the South Manchurian Railway zone and among Japanese even in Manchukuo proper. The amount of the notes in circulation in Manchukuo was large, of which accurate estimation no one could easily make. In view of the currency unification such a state of affairs was very much undesirable for us, and should be remedied as soon as possible. In November 1935, we were successful in obtaining the understanding of the Japanese Government for the ceasing of circulation of these notes. In August 1936, I was sent over to Tokyo to negotiate further with the Department of Finance

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concerning such concrete measures as were necessary to carry out the agreement and to liquidate the undertakings to be closed therewith. As a result of this negotiation, the Bank of Chosen notes ceased circulating in Manchukuo from January 1937, This arrangement contributed very much for the integrity and independence of Manchukuo from the economic and financial point of view.

"Concerning the economic and industrial activities, it was the definite policy of Manchukuo to treat any of its citizens equally and priority was never accorded to any of them. There were many corporations in Manchukuo, semi-governmental and usual, however none of these doers were ever closed to Manchurian natives for investment therein if it was open for any other citizen. The government even made special effort to encourage the investment from Manchurian citizens in case of such shares like those of Manchu Electric Company which wes deemed promising, but very few would take them. Generally speaking, they did not show any interest at all in investment in stock. Later the government established in Harbin a stock exchange which was specially intended for the use of Manchurian citizens. In view of this purpose, all the members of this

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stock exchange were made to consist of Manchurian citizens. However, in spite of such an arrangement Manchurian citizens did not use this institution as we expected.

"I was selected as one of the directors of the Manchurian Heavy Industries Development Company in December 1937 on its foundation. The president thereof was Mr. AIKAWA, Gisuke, while its vicepresident was a Manchurian by name of Mr. Feng Hang-ching. Besides Mr. AIKAWA and Mr. Feng, there were six directors including one Manchurian citizen. The idea of Mr. AIKAWA's was to develop Manchuria under a well coordinated plan and by such highly advanced and grand-scale methods as were carried on in the U.F.A. and for this purpose he felt keenly the necessity of inviting investments and industrial techniques from the U.F.A. All the directors cooperated with him in carrying out this scheme. Mr. Foster Bain of Chicago was employed to conduct a thorough investigation into the mineral resources of Manchuria, and Brassert Company of Chicago was employed to map out a plan for enlargement of Anshan Steel Mill which was to be one of the biggest in the Orient. The Company sent Mr. AFAHARA, Censhichi, YAMAMOTO, Soji and YANO, Yoshiski one after another

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to the United States in its effort to obtain investment and other cooperation from industrialists there.

"Through their efforts they could solicit the investment and cooperation from Mesta Machine Company of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Unfortunately, an unexpected development and the expansion of the China Incident in 1937 and thereafter, put an obstacle in achieving a desired end, as the public opinion in foreign countries, especially in the United States, became unfavorable to such undertaking. Mr. AIKAWA and all of us concerned worried over the situation, but the affairs were taking a turn from bad to worse.

"Fince the mission and the ideal of the company had failed in this manner, Mr. AIKAWA left Manchukuo as soon as his first term as the president thereof came to an end. What the company aimed at was the peaceful development of Manchukuo and to elevate her to be one of the modern industrial states of the world.

"Figned TANAKA, Shizuka" You may cross-examine. BRIGADIER QUILLIAM: May it please the Tribunal, there will be no cross-examination.

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MR. BLAKENEY: May the witness be excused on the usual terms? (Whereupon, the witness was excused.) 

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MR. BLAKENEY: As evidence of the increasingly independent status of Manchukuo, I offer in evidence defense documents No. 1019 A, B, C, and D, the treaty and attached agreements for the abolition of Japanese extraterritorial rights in Manchukuo.

THE PRESIDENT: Admitted on the usual terms.

CLERK OF THE COURT: Defense document 1019A

will receive exhibit No. 2476A; defense document

1019B will have 2476B; defense document 1019C will

have 2476C; and defense document 1019C will have

2476D.

(Whereupon, the documents above referred to were marked defense exhibits No. 2476A, 2476B, 2476C, and 2476D, respectively, and received in evidence.)

MR. BLAKENEY: I shall read from exhibit

MR. BLAKENEY: I shall read from exhibit 2476A, page 2, Articles I to III. Have they been distributed?

THE PRESIDENT: Only A has been distributed.

MR. BLAKENEY: I shall read then from A

while the others are being distributed. On page 2,

Article I:

"The Government of Japan shall, in accordance with the stipulations of the Supplementary Agreements to the present Treaty, abolish the right of

extraterritoriality at present enjoyed in Manchoukuo by Japan.

"Article II. The Government of Japan shell, in accordance with the stipulations of the Su-plementary Agreements to the present treaty, transfer to the Government of Manchoukuo the administrative rights over the South Manchoukua Railway Zone.

"Article III. Subject to the stimulations of the Supplementary Agreements to the present Treaty, Japanese subjects shall be governed within the territories of Manchoukuo by the provisions of the lews and ordinances of that country.

lations of the preceding paragraph, Japanese subjects shall not, under any circumstances, be accorded less favourable treatment than that which is or may be accorded to the nationals of Manchoukuo.

"The stipulations of the preceding two pararaphs shall, in so far as they are applicable to juristic persons, apply to Japanese juristic persons."

I now wish to read from exhibit 2476B, page 1 thereof, Articles I and II, being Chapter I, Juris-diction:

"article I. The system of Consular Courts existing for Japanese subjects in Manchoukuo shall,

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simultaneously with the coming into force of the Treaty, case to be in force, and thereafter Japanese subjects shall come within the jurisdiction of the Law Courts of Manchoukuo.

"Article II. The Government of Manchoukuo engage to guarantee to the lives and property of Japanese subjects such judicial protection as conforms to international law and the general principles of law."

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"The Government of Menchoukuo engage, in exercising police and other administration in respect of Japanese subjects, to afford all possible guarantees for the protection of their lives and property."

That concludes the Manchuria phase.

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That concludes the Manchuria phase.

I now present Mr. Lezerus who, as the chairman

of the China Phase will present the opening statement thereof.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Lezarus.

MR. LAZARUS: Mr. President, there have been some last minute minor revisions in the opening statement and those corrections have been given to the Language Section so as I read with those revisions the correct translation is being given over the IBM, sir, and no time will be wested.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Tavenner.

prosecution desires to object to two sentences, the lest two sentences appearing in the lest paragraph on page 8. The first sentence, beginning, "One look at the map," relates to irrelevant and immeterial matters which have been rejected by the Tribunal in a number of instances, guch as the relations between the British and Iran, the United States and Denmark, and so forth. Besides it referes to matters that occurred or are alleged to have occurred since the period of this indictment.

The second sentence immediately follows and is a statement alleged to have been made by a states-man in comparatively recent months, and for the same reason would be inadmissable.

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 As these are matters which we contend are inadmissable, we felt objection should be made to reference to them in an opening statement.

THE PRESIDENT: By a majority, the Court upholds the objection and rejects the part objected to

MR. LAZARUS: Mr. President, doesn't the defense have a right to enswer the objection before a decision is made?

THE PRESIDENT: There was a very long interval between Mr. Tovenner's last word and your first word.

I assumed you did not intend to offer any argument.

If you did intend to offer one, I am very sorry, but I presumed you did not intend to offer one because of the long pause. Did the lights prevent you from saying anything?

TR. LAZARUS: Your hand was turned, sir, toward one of your colleagues and I respected your preoccupation, sir. That is why I waited.

THE PRESIDENT: My head is so often turned to one or another colleague that you should never hesitate on that account. I respect your good intention.

MR. LAZARUS: Thank you, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: We will hear your argument.

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MR. LAZARUS: Mr. Trvenner stated, if the Tribunal places, that many of these actions that are referred to in the sentence, "One look at the map today will show what has happened to Russia's neighbors and former neighbors both in Europe and in Asia," has taken place since the Indictment. That is incorrect. The wer on Finland, the disnemberment of Poland in conjunction with an agreement with Hitler, the disappearance of Lithuania, Latvia and Esthonia all took place from 1938, 1939 and 1940. All these actions on the part of Russia during the time that these actions are alleged to have baken blace in the Indictment are reasons why Japan refused to enter into a non-aggression pact with Russia. If the entire subdivision on Subdivision 2, the Communist Movement in China, were to be read then you would see that joined in there these are very relevant, these two sentences that are objected to. Many actions taken in Chine by the accused are explained by their fear, their reasonable fear and proper fear, of the spread of world communism. We will introduce statements showing that these people were motivated by that fear; they put it down in the record, their official government statements to that effect that will be introduced into evidence.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Tavenner has not objected to the particular sentence to which you are now referring.

MR. LAZARUS: I thought Mr. Tovenner seid
they objected to the sentence: "One look at the map
today will show what happened to Russia's neighbors,"
and the one about President Trumen's address to
Congress last month, sir.

what happened to Russia's neighbors on the other side; she was concerned about what happened to Russia's neighbors on this. This sentence is not objected to: "It will be shown that Japan had reason to fear, and in fact did fear, the spread of Communism in China, and then in Japan itself meant Japan's destruction."

MR. LAZARUS: Mr. Tovenner informs me that he did not object to that, sir.

MR. TAVENNER: If your Honor please, my statement to counsel was that I objected to the last two sentences.

President Trumen we feel has said exactly what these people have been a ying all along, and we want to introduce President Trumen's address as justification, even at this late date, for what they themselves foresaw beginning in 1937 when the China Incident broke out.

THE PRESIDENT: As /merican counsel, do not take advantage of the great tolerance displayed by this Allied Court to indulge in what might be termed enemy propaganda.

We will recess for fifteen minutes. (Whereupon at 1045, a recess was taken until 1100, after which the proceedings were resumed as follows:)

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MARSHAL OF THE COURT: The International Military Tribunal for the Far Tast is now resumed. THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Lazarus.

MR. LAZIRUS: Mr. President, the defense is at a loss as to how to interpret the President's closing remark just before the recess, so we must state that we never expected that evidence of the remarks by the President of the United States to the Congress of the United States would be called enemy propaganda.

THE PRESIDENT: Nor was it so called. is utter nonsense you are putting to us now.

MR. LAZARUS: Then, Mr. President --

THE PRESIDENT: You persisted in using the President's remarks as an attack on an /llied Power here in relation to the issues before us, which is enother thing. Mr. Tavenner carefully refrained from reading out those parts until we had decided upon them, but you were determined to read them out whether relevant or not.

We have permitted you to attack the great United States of America where your attack was relevent and bore on the issues; we did not stop you. We have allowed you to attack Britain where it was relevant to do so. But you appear to take a sheer

delight in insulting Allied countries. That is how it appears to me at all events, and I am not going to take back a thing I have said about this attitude of yours. To show our tolerance here in this very matter, we have not taken any objection, expressed any resentment, when you have cast reflection upon the Russians simply because it bears on an issue before us.

an Australian judge, and I will never be anything else.

And I will not stand for gratuitous insults to my
country or any other country represented in this
Court. I have no higher loyalty than that to my
own country. If American counsel think they have
a higher loyalty than their loyalty to their own
county, they are at liberty to indulge it.

MR. LAZARUS: Mr. President, you said that we attacked the United States and that we attacked Great Britian. That is not correct. All we did, sir, was introduce relevant evidence as it appeared. That is not attacking our own country.

As for taking delight, sir, in abusing Russia, as you seem to think, I want to assure you that I have the most cordial relations, outside of

this courtroom, with General Vasiliev and General Smirnov. There is no such thing in my mind. I never forget that we fought on the same side and that it may be due to the fact that some Russian officers and soldiers fought as hard as they did that I, today, am alive to appear in this courtroom; I never forget that.

You must remember, please, sir, that much of this might be distasteful to us personally; but, as attorneys appointed by the United States at the request of this Tribunal to help defend these people, we have a high duty: We must present all the evidence available. Please understand that, sir.

THE PRESIDENT: You had no need to proclaim to the world the evidence objected to. Mr. Tevenner didn't. You knew we were reading it as you addressed us. You insisted on calling it out. It looked bad.

MR. LAZARUS: May I point out, Mr. President, that at the tire there was a misunderstanding between bench and bar as to what sentences had been objected to by Mr. Tavenner, and I was trying to straighten it out. I assure you, I had no intention, not the slightest intention, to violate the rules

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of the Court or to make it look had.

THE PRESIDENT: We accept your explanation, and the incident is closed.

MR. LAZARUS: Shell I begin reading, sir?
THE PRESIDENT: Yes.

MR. LAZARUS: Thank you.

THE PRESIDENT: You understand that I have still to rule on this matter.

MR. LAZARUS: I await the Tribunal's ruling then, sir.

that already announced. The objection is upheld and the document rejected to that extent. Two sentences objected to on page 8 will not be read. That part is not to be read. "One look at the map" down to and including the words "stop its spread" on page 9.

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MR. LAZARUS: The China phase will be in six subdivisions, and we will here set out the evidence to be adduced in each of these subdivisions. The counts involved are 1 to 6, 18, 19, 27, 28, 44 to 50, 53 to 55.

Subdivision I - THE MARCO POLO BRIDGE INCIDENT AND JAPAN'S POLICY OF LOCALIZATION.

On 7 July 1937 at 11:40 p.m. near Liukouchiao at a point commonly known as the Marco Polo Bridge, a Japanese force maneuvering there was fired upon by the Chinese army and the local Chinese authorities tried to settle the matter promptly and locally.

THE PRESIDENT: Some words were omitted from the copy. That may be the correction you referred to, Mr. Lazarus.

MR. LAZARUS: They are very minor, sir, very

Japan's stationing of troops in North China is based on Article 9 of the Joint Note concerning the North China Incident of 1900 and Article 9 of the Boxer Protocol. The right of the Japanese army to engage in such maneuvers is recognized in the exchange of notes between Japan and China over the retrocession of Tientsin in 1902. It states as follows:

"They will have the right of carrying on field

exercises and rifle practice, etc., without informing the Chinese authorities except in the case of feux de guerre."

on that particular night the Japanese Army was exercising in preparation for inspection and had no bullets but was using only blanks. Fvidence will be adduced on this point. There was, therefore, no breach of any agreements on the part of the Japanese Army in engaging in such maneuvers. There is much evidence to prove that this incident was entirely unexpected by the Japanese troops. It will be proved by competent evidence that:

- (a) At the time of the incident most of the Japanese forces stationed in Peiping had gone to Tungchow to prepare for inspection;
- (b) The second infantry regiment which had been stationed in Tientsin had gone to Shanhaikwan for inspection;
- (c) Lieutenant General TASHIRO, commander of the garrison in North China was so ill that he could not command his forces. He died : nortly thereafter;
- (d) The commander of the infantry brigade, Major General KAWABE, Shozo, was away from his post in Peiping and was in Shanhaikwan with his troops to

inspect the second regiment there;

(e) In Tientsin, the base of the Japanese garrison force, there was no supply of arms and ammunition.

On the other hand, the Chinese army had taken up its position on the banks of the Yunting River and approximately one battalion had advanced to that line. On 8 July 1937 when the General Staff in Japan was informed of the incident it promptly decided to localize the incident and to settle it on the spot as quickly as possible. This continued to be the attitude of Japan towards the incident for a considerable period of time.

At forty-two minutes past six that evening the Chief of the Japanese General Staff sent a telegram to the commander of the Japanese forces in China, forbidding the use of further military force in order to help localize the incident. On the 9th of July the Vice-Chief of the General Staff, General Imai, wired the Chief of Staff of the Japanese force in North China urging settlement of the incident on the following terms:

- (a) The Chinese force responsible for the incident should be withdrawn to the left bank of the Yungting River;
  - (b) Future security be assured;

(c) The persons directly responsible for the incident be punished.

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In accordance with the orders of the General Staff, representatives of the Japanese garrison met with the representatives of the Chinese army and it will be shown that on 11 July an agreement was reached embodying the above terms, thus acknowledging that the responsibility for the incident lay with the Chinese. It will be proven that on the 18th of July General Sung Cheh-yuan, commander of the Hopei Chahar political council, who was responsible for the 29th Division, came to Tientsin and officially acknowledged the agreement of the 11th. This would have ended the entire matter, but on 25 July the Langfan incident took place. It will be shown that the telegraphic wire had been cut between Peiping and Tientsin. The Japanese Army, with the consent of the Chinese Army made the necessary repairs at the break which was found to be approximately 50 kilometers southeast of Peiping. After the Japanese had repaired the break they were fired upon by members of the Chinese Army. Then on 26 July there occurred what is known as the Kuang-an Gate incident. With previous notice to, and the consent of the Chinese Army, the Japanese Army sent troops to Peiping to protect the Japanese citizens there.

When a part of the Japanese force had entered the city the Chinese suddenly closed the gate, separating those troops from the remaining Japanese body. Both groups were then fired upon by the Chinese. This incident will be testified to by a witness who took part in this action. By this time the Chinese Army was heavily concentrated in North China and had completely surrounded the Japanese forces in Fengtai. It will be shown that on 27 July the Japanese garrison stated that it had exhausted every means of settling matters peacefully and there was now left to it no alternative other than to fight. In Tokyo on the same day the Chief Secretary of the Cabinet issued a similar In these statements it was made clear that statement. Japan was fighting only against the Chinese Army and not with the Chinese people. The statements further pointed out that it was the intention of the Japanese Army to restore peace and order as quickly as possible, to respect the interests of third nations, and to protect the lives and property of their people. It was unequivocably stated that Japan had no territorial ambitions in North China.

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Up to this point the activities of the Japanese had been limited to Peiping and surrounding territory only. On 29 July the Tungchow incident involving the

Peace Preservation Corps took place. Evidence will show that on that same day Japanese forces in Tangku and Tientsin were attacked. This forced extension of the incident to these areas. During the entire month of July there was no change whatsoever in the Japanese desire and attempts to localize the incident. It was the Chinese who repeatedly violated the agreement of 11 July and all Japanese military, it will be proven, was in the nature of self-defense only in every one of the enumerated incidents.

It will be shown that on 10 July units of the Chinese air force and four divisions of troops were sent to the nothern boundary of Honan Province. On the 12th the armies of Shansi, Honan, Hupeh, Anwei, and Kiangsu Provinces were massed on the Lunghai Railway and Peiping-Hankow Railway lines. Chinese troops continued to pour northward and in August the Chinese Central Army was in a position to beseige the Japanese garrison in North China. Evidence will be introduced to show that on 15 August Chiang Kai-shek ordered general mobilization and established General Headquarters, he himself became Commander-in-Chief of the army, navy and air force of China and the country was divided into four military districts.

China was now fully prepared to wage war. By the end of August approximately four hundred thousand Chinese troops were massed in Hopei Province. By these actions China had expanded a series of local incidents into an armed conflict tantamount to war on a large scale.

It will next be shown that on 31 August Japan decided to send three divisions to China.

The Japanese Army was left no alternative but to prepare to meet the situation. It was not until 20 November that Japanese General Headquarters was established. It will thus be shown, when the above evidence has been introduced, that Japan did not attack China and did not violate any of the treaties as charged by the prosecution.

As the evidence offcred by the defense will show, the China incident was generated by an unecpected local incident, and in spite of Japan's consistent attempts to localize it, it expanded finally into large scale hostilities. We will prove that the autonomous movement which began and which was promoted in North China some time before the Marco Polo Bridge Incident, had nothing to do with the China Incident. There was no connection between them.

After the making of the Tangku Agreement

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in May 1933 it was the National Government of China itself which established the North China Political Committee governing the five districts of Hopei, Chahar, Shantung, Shansi, Suiyuan, and the two cities of Peiping and Tientsin on 17th June of the same year. It appointed Huang Fu head of the committee. Policy in North China was decided by this organ.

Later Yin Ju-ken was appointed Special Director of Administration of twenty-three counties in unarmed district of Eastern Hopei on the recommendation of Huang Fu, the Chief of the North China Political Committee. It will be shown that in 1935 the autonomous movement of the farmers gained momentum, and in November of the same year the Eastern Hopei Anti-Communist Autonomous Commoittee was established with Yin-Ju-ken as its chief. Though this was strictly a local Chinese affair, the Chinese Government seized upon it and used it for anti-Japanese propaganda, It will be shown thereby aggravating the situation. that General Sung Cae-yuan resigned his post as Chief of Chahar district and as Commanded of 29th Army, but was shortly thereafter appointed Commander of Peiping-Tientsin Garrison. At the end of November 1935 he demanded self-government for North China. On the 11th of December in the same year the Administrative Council

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of the National Government of the Chinese Republic accepted the demand, and on the 15th of that month the Hopei-Chahar Political Committee was established to govern the districts of Hopei and Chahar and the cities of Peiping and Tientsin, with Sung Che-Yuan as the chief of the committee. This too was purely an internal affair of China. To all appearances this committee was authorized to handle only military, foreign, financial, communications and personnel problems. But, in reality, it constantly kept in close touch with the National Government, most of the committee being men of importance in the National Government. Evidence will show that Sung Che-Yuan's advance into North China was accompanied by the advance of Communist elements. Among Sung's followers there were many Communists who espoused the anti-Japanese and Communist movement, although Sung himself was pro-Japanese. (This subdivision will be presented by Messrs. Miyata and Ohara and Mr. Levin.)

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## Subdivision II - ACTIVITIES OF CHINESE COMMUNISTS AND THE ANTI-JAPANESE MOVEMENT

As our evidence will show, it was the Communist movement in China that created the anti-Japanese movement. In September 1920 a meeting for the organization of the Chinese Communist party was held in Shanghai under the direction of Voichinsky, chief of the War East division of the Comintern. In May 1921 the party came to be formally organized. From 1924 to 1927 there was cooperation between the Communist Party and the Nationalist Party (Kuomintang). Thereafter a schism developed and the two parties, now in fact two states in China, started making war on each other. The Communist Party in China took the lead in the general anti-foreign movement and further developed the anti-Japanese movement, expanding it to such a degree that it finally took the form of unlawful belligerent action. It will be shown that at the Seventh General Meeting in 1935, the Comintern expounded its doctrines of national unity, the popular front, anti-fascism, condemnation of imperialism, and called for war against Japan. Immediately, on the 23 first of August of the same year, the Communist Party in China made what is known as the 8.1 Declaration --25 to wage war with Japan, and it actually began

preparations for war. This declaration, it will be proven, had an important connection with the development of the incidents in Asia.

In December of the following year, the Chinese Communist Party made what is called its December Decision in which it set up the organization of anti-Japanese allied forces and the establishment of a defense government in anticipation of the anti-Japanese war. In December of 1936, the Sian Incident took place. This was the kidnapping of Chiang Kai-shek. One of the terms of his release was his promise to cease fighting the Communists and instead, to make war on Japan. Evidence will show that since the Sian Incident three important changes took place in the character of the anti-Japanese movement in China.

as an instrument of Chinese policy. The second, the use of military power to support this movement. The third was the further development of the Communist movement. It will be shown that General Chiang Kai-shek had to consent to reconciliation with the Communists and to war with Japan in order to be released from captivity at Sian. It will be shown that this cooperation policy, as was openly stated by the Communist army, was but an expedient for the expansion

of the anti-Japanese front. Now that the Communist movement no longer had to undergo the opposition of the National Government, its activity became unrestricted and anti-Japanese propaganda became more intensified. Into this propaganda, Communist principles were woven. The development of this movement threatened the safety of Japan as the Chinese Communist Party was the armed vanguard of the world Communist movement which, it will be shown, had, at the Seventh Congress of the Third International in 1935, declared Japan its natural enemy.

The evidence will trace and will show that the declaration by this convention in 1935, the kid-napping of Chiang Kai-shek in 1936 and the Marco Polo Bridge Incident in 1937 were closely related and were natural steps in a deeply laid conspiracy to drag Japan into war with China. Statements of high-ranking officials of China will be introduced to show that it was considered that only a major war with another country could unify China and stop its civil wars. All this evidence will show that the planning and initiating of the Sino-Japanese conflict lay not with Japan, but elsewhere.

The evidence will show that the Communist Party on 8 July, the day after the Lukouchiao Incident,

in collaboration with the National Government forces. Again, as the evidence will show, there was a close connection among the Chinese Communist Party, Soviet Russian Communist Party, and the former Comintern. As already stated, the Chinese Communist Party was constituted under the direction of the Comintern and was in such an organic relation as to be directed by the latter. The nature and scope of these directions will be revealed by evidence.

It will be shown that Japan had reason to fear, and in fact did fear, that the spread of Communism in China, and then in Japan itself meant Japan's destruction.

This subdivision will be presented by Messrs.

OHARA and ITO and Mr. Cunningham.

Subdivision III - EXTENSION OF THE INCIDENT TO CENTRAL

## CHINA

The Shanghai Incident was entirely separate from that of North China. In 1932 the Shanghai truce was concluded. As evidence will show, at about the time of the North China incident, China was constructing fortifications within the demilitarized zone in violation of the above truce.

It will be shown that, to encourage

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international intervention, an incident took place in the international city. On August 9th, Lieutenant OYAMA, chief of the company of the Japanese marines, and his chauffeur were shot to death. China had been openly concentrating her troops in the neighborhood of Shanghai, and by August 12th, the number amounted to 50,000. The Japanese marines in charge of protecting Japanese residents there numbered only 4,000 and on August 13th both forces clashed. Thereupon the Japanese government and army headquarters decided to send to Shanghai two divisions in order to ensure the safety of the marines and to protect Japanese residents there in the emergency.

When the expeditionary forces arrived at Shanghai on 23d August, the already overwhelming Chinese forces had been increased still further. The Japanese government continued to adhere to its policy of trying to localize the incident and it tried to avoid a clash of arms but when the Chinese increased their forces to between 300 and 400 thousand, it finally became obvious that the incident could not be terminated and three divisions were landed at Hangchow on 5 November to stop the large Chinese force which was advancing from Chekiang Province on Shanghai where the Japanese garrison was too small to protect the

Japanese residents there.

This subdivision will be presented by Mr. SOMIYA and Mr. Roberts.

Subdivision IV - OCCUPATION OF MANKING AND JAPANESE

ATTEMPTS TO BRING ABOUT PEACE

In November 1937 the Chinese forces fighting Japanese landing forces at Hangchow retreated to the west and the Japanese, fearing a counter-attack, pursued them along the line of Soochow and Kashing, and then along the line of Wusih and Huchow. In order to meet the continued threat of a Chinese counterattack the fighting front was gradually enlarged. Before the fall of Nanking peace terms were proposed through the German ambassador.

Manchoukuo, amelioration of conditions in North China and Inner Mongolia, cooperation in preventing the spread of Communism, cooperation in economic development and indemnities. China delayed its reply, the time limit of January 15, 1938 expired and with it the chance of making peace. The Panay and Ladybird incidents, it will be shown, were settled by apology and compensation, and the incidents were considered closed in accordance with then existing international law and diplomatic practice.

With reference to counts 45 to 50 relative to attacks on various cities of China, we will present evidence pertaining to the Japanese army chain of command, the orders given by commanders to troops before the entry into a city, punishments meted out by courts martial for offenses against civilians, the exaggeration of stories of atrocities in some places, the non-existence of atrocities in others, and atrocities by Chinese which were charged to the Japanese. Further, international law will be introduced on the treatment of bandits, irregulars, guerrillas, and others who cannot claim the status of soldiers and whom international law pronounces outlaws and beyond the protection accorded combatants. In any event, we shall conclusively prove the nonculpability of the accused as to such matters.

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This subdivision will be presented by Messrs.

ITO, S. OKAMOTO, SOMIYA and HAYASHI, and Messrs. Mattice,

Cole, Blewett, Roberts and Harris.

Subdivision V - ATTACK ON HANKOW AND AFTER

It will be shown that from the Shanghai incident onwards, it was Japan's policy to terminate the incident as quickly as possible. That Japan had no territorial ambitions in China will be shown by the statement of Premier Prince KONOYE on 3 November

1938, and his declaration on 22 December 1938.

Conclusive evidence on this point is the treaty between

Japan and China in which Japan even surrendered the

extraterritorial rights she enjoyed under previous

With reference to alleged economic aggression, it will be shown that Japan did not monopolize the Chinese economy, nor did she exclude third powers. Japan invested money and developed the unexploited resources of China to the mutual benefit of both nations. The North China Development Company was organized on 7 November 1938 with capital of 350,000,000 yen.

The next sentence is omitted.

It invested its capital in transportation, port facilities, communications, electricity, mines and salt. On the 7th of November 1938 the Central China Development Company was established with capital of 100,000,000 yen and it invested its capital in railways, transportation, electricity, gas and mines in Central China. Both companies contributed much to the welfare of the Chinese.

It will be shown that the economic control exercised by Japan was due to military necessity and was no different from that engaged in by other

treaties.

by international law. These measures were taken because it was necessary to protect Japanese business establishments from violence and to maintain the occupying forces. It will further be shown that when military necessity no longer existed, economic control was returned to the hands of the Chinese, even while hostilities went on in other parts of the country. Similarly, the exigencies of war, it will be shown, sometimes required the placing of temporary restrictions on third powers.

With reference to opium, the prosecution has alleged that its use "as encouraged in order to "eaken China and to raise funds for Japan. It will be shown that poppy growing had never ceased in China, that vast taxes were collected from opium, that its use had never been stamped out, as alleged. It will further be shown that Japan advised the Chinese government to introduce the system of opium control successfully used in Japan, Korea and Formosa. This entailed the licensing of known addicts and supplying them through recognized channels. It will be shown that the League of Nations approved control rather than prohibition as the solution of China's opium problems. Facts and figures will be produced to show the

efficacy of the system proposed by Japan and used by her in her territories. In fact, what Japan expected most from China was duplication of the policy of gradual abatement which was already practiced in Formosa and which had won world-wide approval. Absolute prohibit on, it will be shown, cannot be enforced. It was so arranged that habitual opium smokers might openly get their minimum needs by certificate. In this way, purchase was restricted to those certificate holders and no other people could secure opium. Thus, the use of opium could be controlled. The evidence will show that the profits accruing from the sale of opium all went into the coffers of the new Chinese regime and none of it ever went to the Japanese army or government as alleged.

This subdivision will be presented by Messrs. SHIOBARA, SANNONJI and TAKANO, and Messrs. Freeman and Williams.

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And the last subdivision, VI - THE NEW REGIME IN CHINA.

Japan is charged with having set up one or more separate governments in China under the control of Japan and having made them the means of aggression. It will be shown that in China, because of its vastness and poverty and widely divergent regions, local autonomous bodies often sprang up to maintain peace and order when the central government was unablo to do so. The evidence will show that at the time of the conflict between China and Japan, such autonomous bodies came into existence, and, as the incident progressed, they grew, joined together, grew in size, and supplanted the former government. As these bodies served to maintain peace and order, Japan naturally supported them in order to preserve stability in the occupied areas. These were not puppet governments as charged, but independent, as proved by the China-Japan treaty previously alluded to. It will be shown that the Chief of the Chinese Republic, Wang Chin-wei, was no mere upstart, but had been vice-president of the Chinese Republic and president of the Central Committee of the Kuomintang under Chiang Kai-shek. He had fought in the Nationalist Revolution beside Sun Yat-sen and had helped to establish the Chinese

Republic. He was and always had been a leader in the Chinese Government.

As the evidence will show, Wang Chin-wei escaped from Changking and sought to conclude speedy peace with Japan. It was natural that Japan, desiring such peace with China, should support him. When he established the National Government of China on March 30, 1940, he used the Chinese national flag, adopted the policy of anti-Communism and peace and returned the capital to Nanking.

Japan recognized the Wang Chin-wei regime as the legitimate government of China and as the best means of effecting an early peace with China. Again the treaty between Japan and China shows that the new government was not considered as a puppet government.

The evidence will sustain the defense contention that the accused did not enter into any conspiracy, did not plan and initiate a war of aggression against China, did not use opium to debauch its people and to raise funds for war, nor did they foist upon China a puppet government by supporting Wang Chin-wei. In short, that the accused are not chargeable with the offenses set forth in the Indictment.

This subdivision will be presented by Messrs. SAMMONJI, YAMADA and HANAI, and Messrs. Furness and

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Dr. KANZAKI, the Japanese chairman of the Japanese counsel, will assist in all the subdivisions.

I now introduce to the Tribunel Mr. Michael Levin who will present subdivision one of the China phase.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Levin.

Mk. LEVIN: Mr. President, may it please the Tribunal, as heretofore indicated by my colleague, Mr. Lazarus, the first subdivision of the China phase of the defense relates to what occurred on July 7, 1937, at the Marco Polo Bridge, and the Japanese policy of localization. The official position of the Japanese Government in relation to this event is of great importance. As the nature of this evidence was referred to only a few moments ago, it is believed no further statement in relation thereto is necessary.

We offer in evidence defense document No.

1134, a statement of the time and place of events which occurred, from the Lukouchiso Incident until the establishment of the General Headquarters. This is prepared for the convenience of the court and counsel, and as a reference as the evidence in relation thereto is offered. I do not propose to read any portion of this

document.

THE PRESIDENT: Brigadier Nolan.

BRIGADIER NOLAN: May it please the Tribunal, the prosecution objects to the introduction of this document containing, as it does, statements of fact which will have to be proven in evidence.

This document, your Honor, soes far behond a mere timetable of events and contains such statements as: "The Chinese forces opened fire unlawfully." Again, "The Chinese forces opened fire unlawfully"; "Chinese forces unlawfully opened fire." It is submitted that such statements as that have no proper p place in what purports to be a timetable of events.

THE PRESIDENT: We will know what to disregard as infringing on our province.

MR. LEVIN: That is exactly what I had in mird.

THE PRESIDENT: The word "unlawfully," I can assure you, will be disregarded by all Members although that conclusion may finally be drawn. We do not know. The objection is upheld to that extent, Mr. Levin.

MR. LEVIN: That is satisfactory, Mr. President.

THE PRESIDENT: Admitted on the usual terms.

CLERK OF THE COURT: Defense document No. 1134

will receive exhibit No. 2477.

(Whereupon, the document above referred to was marked defense exhibit No. 2477 and received in evidence.)

MR. LEVIN: We now offer in evidence defense document No. 985, which is an official statement of the Japanese Government on the despatch of troops in North China, published in Shuho No. 40.

THE PRESIDENT: Brigadier Nolan.

BRIGADIER NOLAN: May it please the Tribunal, this document, being defense document 985, raises in our submission a point of interest and of importance.

In the order of proof distributed by the defense, in this division appear a large number of documents consisting of press releases. These documents emanate either from the Board of Information or from what are called Foreign Office spokesmen. The documents themselves follow the same pattern, and all serve the same purpose in that they are an attempt to prove the desire of Japan for localization of incidents; and (2) the unlawful attack by Chinese soldiers; and (3) the action taken in self-defense by the Japanese soldiers.

I am well aware of the fact, your Honor, that the Charter provides for the admission into evidence

of documents which emanate from a department or agency of government, provided always that such documents have probative value. Now, these documents with which I am presently dealing are what are known as, colloquially, handouts to the press. They paint with a Japanese brush a picture of events for consumption at home and abroad. But whether they be propagands or not, in our submission they prove nothing, because, your Henor, what happened in China should be proven as a matter of fact by competent evidence, and any statement by the Board of Information or by a Foreign Office spokesman as to what took place in China does not prove the fact of what took place in China one way or another.

The prosecution submits that all of these press releases should not be admitted into evidence as they have no probative value in this case.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Levin.

MR. LEVIN: Mr. President, it will be noticed from an examination of the certificate that this is an official document of the Foreign Office. This document sets forth the position of the Japanese Government on the despatch of troops in North China and is based on information which they obtained from the Japanese and Chinese sources. While it is quite true that this is a statement of their position and that

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it is not evidence in the sense that the actual facts are presented to the Court; nevertheless this statement will be integrated with the evidence which it is proposed to introduce in evidence. It is a contemporary statement made officially by the Japanese Government shortly after the event occurred, and it seems to me there can be no higher statement from any source than a statement of that kind.

We have throughout the trial been given "handouts" by the prosecution and we have lived on them but haven't thrived on them, may it please the Tribunal.

It seems to us that the evidence in this particular document, and I am not now referring to others because those must be considered when they are presented, is of a highly probative value and should be admitted.

The PRESIDENT: I am awaiting the votes of all my colleagues. I may overlook one. I haven't done so deliberately yet, but I may by accident do so.

By a majority the objection is upheld and the document rejected.

We will adjourn until half past one.

(Whereupon, at 1200, a recess was taken.)

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## AFTERNOON SESSION

The Tribunal met, pursuant to recess, at 1330.

MARSHAL OF THE COURT: The International

Military Tribunal for the Far East is now resumed.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Levin.

. MR. LEVIN: Mr. President, Members of the Tribunal, we now offer in evidence defense document 985 which is an official statement of the Japanese Government on the dispatch of troops in North China published in Shuho No. 40.

THE PRESIDENT: We have not taken a vote on that.

MR. LÉVIN: That is the one that has been rejected. I am sorry. I meant 984.

THE PRESIDENT: You are quite right. It has been rejected.

MR. LEVIN: If I may correct myself, the document that I had reference to is defense document No. 984. This is a War Ministry report on the dispatch of troops to North China and is a review of the activities occurring at the Marco Polo Bridge on July 7, 1937 and some of the subsequent events.

THE PRESIDENT: Brigadier Nolan.

BRIGADIER NOLAN: May it please the Tribunal,

this is a press release compiled by the Information Bureau and is objected to on the same ground as the Tribunal saw fit to reject defense document 985.

MR. LEVIN: May it please the Tribunal, I desire to state, and I would like to be heard rather at length on this if it is necessary, because it is our position that this document is not at all in the same category with the previous document which has been rejected by the Tribunal. I request that the Members of the Tribunal examine each of the paragraphs, which will indicate very clearly the difference in the documents. Throughout the trial the prosecution has presented statements by various governments, and if I remember correctly, many newspaper statements. This is not merely a newspaper statement, but this is a recorded review -- an official review of the occurrences on July 7, 1937 and the times indicated subsequent thereto. The Tribunal has accepted statements from this very source in connection with the presentation of the prosecution's case. And under those circumstances it seems to us that these statements contained herein are of great probative value.

I should like to call the Tribunal's attention to the fact that early in the trial Colonel Morrow

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in offering evidence in relation to the Chinese casualties tendered a document, exhibit No. 252, which was a letter from the Chinese prosecutor -- rather, a letter to the Chinese prosecutor and submitted by him to Colonel Morrow and was accepted by the Court as evidence of those casualties.

There has been presented in evidence here unilateral statements, to the effect that the United States does not desire to intervene, from the State Department, unilateral statements that appeared in rewspapers.

And here we have an official statement of the events that occurred at and about that time.

THE PRESIDENT: Can you give us the exhibit numbers of similar press releases by the Japanese Government tendered by the prosecution?

MR. LEVIN: I cannot, Mr. President, offhand, but my associate, Mr. Furness, says he thinks he can find some; and if the Court desires, I can proceed to another document.

THE PRESIDENT: You are putting this to us as a statement of fact by the Army from their viewpoint. As I am reminded, we have received statements from the Japanese side as coming from enemy sources and, therefore, admissible as evidence against them; but evidence in their favor is in a

different category.

MR. LEVIN: It would seem to me, Mr. President, that the documentation of facts in relation to events that occurred at or about the same time which was found in the official records of the Japanese Government should be admissible in evidence.

THE PRESIDENT: By a majority the objection is upheld and the document rejected.

MR. LEVIN: I now offer for identification the book by the Right Honorable Sir Robert Craigie, "Behind the Japanese Mask."

CLERK CF THE COURT: Defense document No. 502, to wit, a book entitled "Behind the Japanese Mask", will be given exhibit No. 2478 for identification only.

(Whereupon, the document above referred to was marked defense exhibit No. 2478 for identification.)

MR. LEVIN: I desire to offer in evidence the excerpt therefrom, No. 9, the defense document No. 502.

THE PRESIDENT: Brigadier Nolan.

BRIGADIER NOLAN: If the Tribunal please, we object to this excerpt being offered in evidence.

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Mr. President, because for the most part it only expresses the opinion of the author as to the control exercised by the Central Government in China. The measure of the common exercised by that Central Government is a matter for the determination of the Tribunal.

MR. LEVIN: I submit, Ar. President, that the statement is a statement of fact in the category of the evidence of Goetic and Powell; and he was the ambassador to Japan from Great Britain.

THE PRESIDENT: Have you any answers to interrogatories put to Sir Robert Craigie?

I understood that Major Furness put some interrogatories to Sir Robert Craigie.

MR. FURNESS: I am awaiting a Court order for which I have applied before putting the interrogatories to Sir Robert.

THE PRESIDENT: What order are you awaiting, Major?

MR. FURNESS: I think it is in draft form already, if the Court please. I have seen a draft in the Clerk's office. I think it is being submitted to Judge Dell. My interrogatories will deal with matters other than the one covered in this excerpt.

MR. LEVIN: I submit, if the Tribunal please, that the first sentence is a complete statement of fact which any observer could have made; while the second sentence isn't quite in the same category, nevertheless it is largely predicated on that study and examination.

THE PRESIDENT: By a majority the Court upholds the objection and rejects the excerpt.

MR. LEVIN: I now call as a witness KAWABE, Masakazu.

Mr. President, his biographical data appears in the first two pages of defense document 823.

THE PRESIDENT: We cannot hear what you are saying. The red light was not against you.

I don't know why.

MR. LEVIN: The witness' biographical data appears in the first two pages of defense document 823, which is the original affidavit which it is not intended to tender in evidence at present; and for the purpose of saving time I should like per-' mission to read that portion of it.

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(Whereupon, a document was handed to the witness.) On pages 1 and 2 of that document does your personnel record appear? Yes, it does appear. THE PRESIDENT: Admitted on the usual terms.

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MR. LEVIN: I desire that defense document No. 970 be admitted on the usual terms, as stated by the President, and also the personnel record that appears in defense document 823. (Reading) "My career runs as follows" --THE PRESIDENT: You had better call the numbers, Clerk. CLERK OF THE COURT: The first affidavit is defense document 970. The second affidavit, 10 the first two pages of which it is desired to in-11 troduce, is defense document 823. 12 MR. LEVIN: What will be the exhibit num-13 bers? 14 CLERK OF THE COURT: One has not been ad-15 mitted yet. 16 THE PRESIDENT: They are all admitted, 17 both of them. 18 CLERK OF THE COURT: Defense document 970 19 will receive exhibit No. 2479, and defense document 20 823 will receive exhibit No. 2479-A. 21 ("hereupon, the documents above refer-22 red to were marked, respectively, defense exhibit. 23 2479 and defense exhibit 2479-A and received in evidence.) 24 MR. LEVIN: Reading from exhibit 2479-A: 25 "My career runs as follows:

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5	"	1936	commander of the Infantry Brigade
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7	"September	1937	vice-chief of the staff of the North
8			China Area Army
9	"February	1938	chief of the staff of the Central
10			China Expeditionary Forces
11	"January	1939	chief of the Department of the
12			Inspector-General of Military Education
13	"l'arch	1940	commander of the 12th Division
14	"March	1941	commander of the 3rd Army
15	"August	1942	chief of the staff of China Expedi-
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17	"Farch	1943	commander of the Burma Area Army
18	"December	1944	commander of the Central Army
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	Ů.	The at	ffidavit which you signed is 970.

Are you the same person who signed the affidavit No. 823? A Both of them are my affidavits. THE PRESIDENT: Why two names? 5 THE WITNESS: The correct way of reading 6 my name is Mazakazu, but the Japanese characters 7 can also be read Shozo, and I am often called by 8 the name of Shozo. 9 THE PRESIDENT: Proceed. 10 MR. LEVIN: (Reading) "To the questions asked by Messrs MIYATA 12 and Blakeney, Defense Counsel, at Tokyo, on November 2 in the 21st year of Showa (1946), I, KAWABE, Shozo, replied as follows: "O Tell us about the term of your service at Peking as Commander of the Infantry Brigade stationed in China. "A From April, 1936 (Showa 11) until August, 1937 (Showa 12). "O Tell us about the strength of the army

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"A I had two infantry regiments, the strength being about 5,000. The headquarters of the 1st Regiment of Infantry was at Peking. One battalion

which you, as Brigade Commander, commanded at the

time, and how you stationed the troops.

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each was posted at Peking, Fengtai and Tienchin, and one company was sent to Tungchow. The head-quarters of the 2nd Regiment of Infantry was posted at Tienchin, where two battalions were also stationed. One battalion was posted at Shanhaikwan and along the railway east of Tienchin. The headquarters of the Brigade was at Peking.

"O There was the headquarters of the Army?

And in what manner were the technical corps posted?

"A The headquarters of the Army was at Tienchin, and cavalry, artillery, engineer and tank corps were also posted there.

"O Were there other military organs at Peking?

"A A Special Service Agency, military attaches to the Embassy and a KEMPEITAI unit were at Peking, and these three were all independent organs.

"O Give an outline of the disposition of the Chinese Army at the time of the Lukuochiao Incident.

"A In North China, the 29th Army under the command of Sung Cheh-ye was stationed in the area, including Tienchin, Peking, Paoting and Kalgan. The headquarters of the Army was at Peking, and one division each was stationed near Peking, Tienchin, Kalgan and Paoting.

"In the neighborhood of Lukuochiao, about

a battalion was stationed at Nanyuan, Peiyuan, Papaoshan and Hwapingehen. It seemed that at Lungwangmiao was posted a part of the battalion. "O Were the Japanese and Chinese armies on good terms before the outbreak of the Incident? "A The relations between the both armies were very friendly until the fall of 1936 (Shows 11). Both armies often inspected each other's maneuvers and feats of arms so that the friendly relations between both armies were promoted remarkably. But on September 18, 1936 (Showa 11), a skirmish was begun between Japanese and Chinese units when they were marching near Fengtai and passed each other. It was peaceably settled by the efforts of the staff members of both armies. As the result, part of the Chinese troops stationed at Fengtai were moved elsewhere. This seemed to have left an unpleasant impression on the part of the Chinese Army. And after the Faian Incident, which took place in December in the same year, the sentiment of the Chinese in the vicinity of Peking generally became unfavorable toward Japan, and the communists' secret maneuvers became more active. Accordingly, it cannot be denied that the Chinese troops were affected by the communist movement. Although in the Chinese higher circles

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there was still seen a strong trend toward the harmonious collaboration of Japan and China, among the lower circles of the army it was observed there was an anti-Japanese sentiment which was very keen.

"O Fow were the relations between you and Mr. Sung Chen-yuang and other Chinese st. 'f members?

"A I was not especially intimate with Fr.

Sung Cher-yuan except on the occasions of formal exchange of courtesies. But I was very intimate with Chang Tsu-chun, the Division Commander.

"e often exchanged frank opinions about the friendly relations of the two nations. Our opinions were similar on some points.

by the authorities as to the attitude of the Japanese garrison forces toward China? And tell us how you instructed your men in line with the instructions from the authorities.

"A It was the fundamental policy of the Army
to keep contact with the Chinese Army like a friendly army and bring about better relations between
both armies. As a brigade commander, I always
kept this in mind and led my men to be on good terms
with the Chinese Army. When I went to the General
Staff to pay a visit of courtesy after I was appoin-

ted Brigade Commander, Major General ISHIHARA,
Kanji, who was then Chief of Military Operations,
told me privately, clearly showing the intention
of the Central Authorities, The Central Authorities
have no intention of fighting a war with China.
You will please keep this in mind in line of duty.'

"O What were the duties of the Stationary Force in China?

"A The protection of the official institutions and the Japanese nationals in North China as well as the defense of railway, traffic and communications.

"O Tell us about the plans for military operations of the Japanese garrison forces against China.

"A I never received any instructions for military operations against China.

"O Please explain about the program of the garrisoning.

"A In accordance with the duty, that is, the order to defend railway, traffic, communication and to protect Japanese diplomatic establishments and Japanese residents, the Brigade, in peace time, scattered its forces along the railway, Peking and

Tientsin and the thus stationed forces took charge of the garrisoning of their respective stations." 

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"A Fengtai, Peking and Tungchow constituted three stations respectively as one unit near Peking, which were put under my command as the Peking garrison district. In Fengtai the commander of the battalion, in Peking the commander of the infantry regiment, and in Tungchow the commander of the company, were ordered to discharge their duties as the commanders of stationary forces.

"Q Explain about the proparation for the operations against China which the Japanese garrison forces in China made.

"A We did not think of fighting with China, so we made no preparation for operations against China. Our forces were the so-called garrison forces; therefore, in organization we had no moving activity and in munitions we had no stock for operations except those which were continually supplied.

"Q Was the Brigade charged with duty regarding secret information and the investigation of topography necessary for the army?

"A We were not charged with any such duty. .

"Q Were you given directions regarding where to place the emphasis in the education and training of the Japanese garrison forces in China?

"A We were given directions about education, but it meant the training which aimed at complete preparation and equipment of the forces and was not aimed at the Chinese Army. This was applicable similarly in the case of the forces in Japan. We had no idea of fighting with the Chinese Army, so we did not think of aiming at it.

"Q Explain about the dispostion and the maneuvering areas of the Japanese army near Fengtai.

"A One battalion under the command of Major ICHIKI was stationed in the Japanese barracks at Fengtai with some infantry guns attached to it. To the north of the barracks there stretched a narrow parade ground, but near Fengtai there were many farms and no maneuvering areas. About three kilometres west of Fengtai, there was the ballast-collecting place of the railway which was not a farm but was a plain well adapted for maneuvering. After negotiations with China, Japan was granted temporary use of this plain, with Mt. Ichimonji as its center and we were to use it as a maneuvering area. In that district ballast was collected for the Peiping-Mukden Railway.

"Q Where was the maneuvering area of the forces in Peking?

"A Though there was a narrow common parade ground

for the units of each nation to the east of Kuominkong within the walls of Peking, the Japanese units in Peking used to utilize the exercise grounds surrounding the units of the Tungchow garrison as their area for field exercises.

"Q Were they at liberty to use the maneuvering area?

"A Yes, they were at liberty to use it. Hitherto, in case of carrying out maneuvers, the Japanese units had done it by their own choice without the necessity of informing the Chinese authorities of it. However, at the beginning of June, there was a friendly desire from the Chinese, saying, 'As a night maneuver is apt to excite the public, you will kindly inform us of it in advance, by which, we would like to announce it to the public previously so as to prevent any excitement.' Understanding this, the Army made it a rule to make an announcement in each case through a military intelligence bureau.

"Q About the time when the incident broke out, did they carry out exercises every night?

"A Yes. Almost every night after the end of June they practiced exercises. The units practiced furious exercises as it was just before the inspection of the second term.

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"Q Were you in Peking on 7 July, the very day of the incident?

"A I was not there. In order to attend to the inspection of the Second Infantry Regiment which took place, at that time, at the maneuvering area at Nantassu, south of Shanhaikwan, I left Peking on 6 June.

"Q Who was the garrison commander while you were absent?

"A The commander of the 1st Infantry Regiment, Colonel MUDAGUCHI, acted for me.

"Q Were all the units in Peking at their permanent stations?

"A Leaving one company in the city, all the Peking infantry regiments were in Tungchow for the purpose of maneuvering. Therefore, only with one company within the walls of Peiping and a battalion at Fengtai, we had had little strength.

"Q How were you informed of the situation about the outbreak of the incident when you were traveling?

"A Throughout the night of 7 July, there was the inspection of exercises. About 3:00 A.M., on 8 July, on the scene of the maneuvers, a slip of paper with something written down as a telephonic report to me from the commander of the Peking Regiment was brought to me from the signal corps. The paper read, 'While a

company was practicing exercises at the maneuvering area of Lukouchiao, we were fired upon by a Chinese unit and one of our soldiers is missing. The ICHIKI battalion has been shifted to the guarding formation and is now searching for the missing soldier.' I did not reply to it. When morning came, I made contact with the Army Headquarters at Tientsin and determined to return to Peking. As an airplane was fortunately provided by the Army, I left Shanhaikwan at about noon, and after changing to a train at Tientsin and arriving at Fengtai, at about 3:00 P.M., I immediately hurried to Lukouchiao.

"Q Did you visit the Army Headquarters when you passed Tientsin?

"A The train schedule did not permit me to go, but I established contact by telephone at the station to the Chief of Staff, HASHIMOTO. The Chief of Staff said, 'The policy of the Army is to achieve a solution on the spet. You will watch the situation as it is at present.' By this I was informed of the Army's policy of localizing the affair.

"Q Did you suspend the inspection of the Second Infantry Regiment at Nantassu?

"A I had ordered the regimental commander to continue the inspection.

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'By the mediation of the Military Intelligence Bureau, it was decided to make a common investigation by sending committees from both Japanese and Chinese sides. Then, with a regiment officer, Lt. Colonel MORITA as the chairman, the committee was despatched to the spot. The Chinese chairman was the chief of the Yuanpin-hsien.

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Furthermore, after 4:00 A.M., there was another report
that we had again been fired upon by the Chinese."

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I said A.M., Mr. President, I presume it is that. The copy here is not very clear.

THE PRESIDENT: A.M., yes.

"I, the regimental commander, gave the following order, "It is an insult against the Japanese that the Chinese had fired upon us again, despite the fact that, as it had begun to get light, the Japanese could be easily identified. If you should be fired upon again in the future, your battalion will be free to fight back." However, it was about 5:00 A.M. when the party of the investigation committee arrived at the spot by automobile and when chairman MOLITA was inspecting the spot, the ICHIKI battalion launched an attack, was deployed and was just about to advance. Thereupon, the Lt. Colonel rebuked the battalion commander for the battalion's unlawfulness. When the battalion commander replied that he had just received an order from the regimental commander that the battalion was free to accept the challenge, there was another volley from the Chinese. So. Lt. Colonel MORITA told the Chinese committee, "The unlawful firing of the Chinese units is as you are now actually witnessing. I cannot

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disregard a battalion commander's determination to accept the challenge. And the Lt. Colonel agreed to the battalion commander's determination. Then after 5:00 A.M. the battalion attacked the Chinese at Lungwangmiao.'

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24 25 "Q Then what did you, the brigade commander, do upon receipt of that report?

"A I gave the following order to the units,
'Watch the Chinese under present situation. Do
nothing rash.' At the same time, I ordered that the
casualties be taken care of.

"Q There is talk that the encounter between the Japanese and the Chinese units at Lukouchiao started from and intrigue by a third party. What do you think about this?

"A I cannot say distinctly about that, but after the outbreak of the incident on 7 July, while the Japanese and the Chinese were facing each other, there frequently was unlawful firing every night. Every time such unlawful firing took place, we investigated the situation, but there was no sign that either the Japanese or the Chinese unit had opened fire. It almost seemed that a third party which did not belong to the Japanese unit nor to the Chinese were firing from the intermediate area between the Japanese and the Chinese which were facing each other. And we could assume that it was an intrigue by someone.

"Q After 7 July, both units were facing each other, while negotiations were in progress between the Japanese and Chinese. Did any untoward incident break

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"A There were successive outbreaks of untoward incidents, such as the unlawful firing at Mt. Ichimoji on 21 July (company commander wounded), the Langfang incident on 25 July, the Kannanmen incident on 26 July, etc. The anti-Japanese sentiment of the lower class Chinese officers and other ranks was most intense."

Signed.

You may cross-examine, if you desire.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Sutton.

MR. SUTTON: May it please the Tribunal.

CROSS-EXAMINATION

BY MR. SUTTON:

Q You stated that the relations between the Chinese army and the Japanese forces in North China was very friendly until the fall of 1936, is that correct?

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Sutton, don't ask him to confirm enything in his affidavit.

A Yes, it is as you say.

THE PRESIDENT: It wouldn't matter if we didn't have these translation difficulties. He said yes, it was correct.

Q Lid the friendly relations change after the Fengtai Incident of 18 September 1936?

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I heard that among the lower class officers there was some dissatisfaction but there were no incidents to back this up. Q Did this Incident occur whil Japanese troops were on maneuvers near Fengtai? A Yes, it is as you say. Q In the settlement of this Incident were the Japanese required to withdraw their troops from Fengtai? A Yes, they were forced to withdraw their troops from Fengtai. 12 Then did the Japanese troops occupy Fengtai? THE MONITOR: The witness' previous statement should be just "Yes" and the rest should be deleted. 16 A Fengtai had been used as a stationary place for the Japanese before this time. Were the Japanese troops in Fengtai reenforced after the Fengtai Incident? 20 No, they were not reenforced. 21 I call your attention to one short paragraph 22 of the testimony of General Ching Teh-chun, deputy 23 commander of the 29th Army in NorthChina, page 2316

THE MONITOR: Mr. Sutton, what are you

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MR. SUTTON: IPS document 2340, exhibit 199, page 2316 of the Court Record.

THE M NITOR: All right, Mr. Sutton. Will you give us the amproximate location of the passage please?

MR. SUTTON: It begins near the bottom of page 2316 following the word "Military." The first sentence is: "In September 1936, the Fengtai Incident occurred."

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Are these facts correct?

It is incorrect.

THE PRESIDENT: Cannot you paraphrase that instead of reading it word for word?

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Q How long had the Japanese forces been stationed in Fengtai prior to 1936?

A From May of 1936 one infantry brigade was stationed at Fengtai and this continued until the outbreak of the Incident. By the Incident I mean the Lukouchiao Incident.

THE INTERPRETER: One battalion was stationed.

- Q Who was the commander of that battalion?
- A Major ICHIKI was commander.
- Q The protocol and agreements at the end of the Boxer Rebellion gave the powers the right to occupy certain points between the capital and the sea. Was it under this authority that Fengtai was occupied?

A The question was not very clear to me. I wish to have it repeated, the first part.

MR. LFVIN: Mr. President, there are two objections to that question: One, in the first place, he might not know, and, in the second place, even if he did know it would be a matter of record and no answer that he might make could put the facts in issue. I therefor object to the question.

THE PRESIDENT: The answer may not help very much but we cannot say that the question is inadmissable. Answer the question if you understand it. Do you still want it repeated?

THE WITNESS: I could not clearly hear the Japanese translation so I would like to have it repeated.

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3	A Yes, it is as you say.			
4	Q Don't you know that the protocol did not give			
5	the Japanese the right to occupy Fengtai?			
6	A I do not know that such an authority was not			
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8	Q I call your attention to exhibit 27 247,			
9	record 3314, an excerpt from the protocol and agreemen			
10	at the end of the Boxer troubles in 1900.			
11	THE MONITOR: Mr. Sutton, please, was this			
12	exhibit 2427?			
13	MR. SUTTON: 247.			
14	THE MONITOR: Are you going to refer to the			
15	document, sir?			
16	MR. SUTTON: I will read Article 9.			
17	THE MONITOR: What is the PD number, sir?			
18	We have to look for the document.			
19	THE PRESIDENT: Is it worth asking questions			
20	like this?			
21	MR. SUTTON: It was just handed to the Language			
22	Section, the Japanese copy.			
3	THE MONITOR: We haven't located it, sir.			
4	THE PRESIDENT: Is it worth asking these			
5	questions, Mr. Sutton? Here is the document before			

us. We know what provision is made. We don't want his confirmation or denial of something which appears before us and which is not questioned. There is such a lot of time wasted to get nothing at all.

Q Since this was not one of the twelve points which the Powers were entitled to occupy under Article 9 of the Protocol, the Japanese had no right to occupy Fengtai, is not that correct?

MR. LEVIN: Mr. President, I object to that question. I think it is improper, in the nature of an argument.

THE PRESIDENT: It is argumentative. It is what is called matter of comment. It doesn't really test credibility.

Q Was it the policy of Japanese troops in North China to bring about better relations between the Japanese and the Chinese?

A Yes, it is as you say.

Q You state in your affidavit, top of page 4 of the English copy, "Almost every night after the end of June the unit practised exercises. The units practised furious exercises." Was this action inclined to bring about better relations between the Japanese and the Chinese?

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Q What were these furious exercises?

A By furious exercises is to exert their greatest efforts towards -- to train the army. By furious exercises I mean training which will bring out the maximum efforts in order to gain perfect training of the army.

THE PRESIDENT: These ere simple questions. They should be readily understood.

Q You stated in your affidavit that after the outbreak of the Incident firing, unlawful firing, frequently tookplace by the intrigue of some third parties, not members of the Japanese or Chinese armies.

THE MONITOR: Mr. President, it is almost unbearable on the part of the interpreters to get the sound through and we are having a very strenuous — we are in a very strenuous position to try to get the prosecutor's words, sir. We have a note from the sound technician saying, "We have a short in our lines so please try to make the best of the situation for this sessior, "sir.

THE PRESIDENT: "e will recess for fifteen minutes.

(Whereupon, at 1445, a recess was taken until 1505, after which the proceedings were resumed as follows:)

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MARSHAL OF THE COURT: The International
Military Tribunal for the Far East is now resumed.

THE PRESIDENT: The IBM was at fault. It
has since been corrected.

BY MR. SUTTON (Continued):

Q You stated that after July 7 there was unlawful firing every night by persons not members of the Chinese or Japanese forces. From the area between these forces was report of that intrigue, as you call it, made to the authorities in Tokyo?

A We have made the report on this matter to the garrison headquarters in Tientsin.

MR. SUTTON: May it please the Tribunal, since the other points in the affidavit, exhibit No. 2479, cover the same points as in another affidavit which is on the present order of proof, to avoid duplication of cross-examination we shall not cross-examine on the other points in this affidavit.

That concludes the cross-examination.

THE PRESIDENT: If they knew it was a third party that was doing it why did they attack the Chinese?

BY MR. SUTTON (Continued):

Q What action, if any, was taken on the reports which you made --

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THE MONITOR: Mr. Sutton, was that report to Tokyo or to Tientsin?

MR. SUTTON: I haven't finished the question.

(Continuing) What action, if any, was taken on the reports which you made concerning the intrigue, that is, the firing by third parties from between the two forces?

In both reports we conveyed the following effect to Tientsin ... the Tientsin army: When firings were heard and sparks were seen in front of the Japanese army we thought that it was - the firing came from the Chinese army. Therefore, we wanted to ascertain whether the Chinese slie acted in violation of the truce agreement; and, therefore, we requested the Special Service Organization in Tientsin -- in Peking -- to make an investigation. To that the Peking Special Service Organization replied that as a result of their investigation they could ascertain -- they have ascertained -- that the Chinese side did not fire either. In the light of the fact that it was neither the Japanese nor the Chinese side that was responsible for the firing, I concluded that it must have come from someone in the area which did not belong either to the Japanese or the Chinese side.

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happened while the negotiations were being continued because I was on the spot myself -- in the front lines.

Q How long did this -- over what period of time did this firing between the lines continue?

A I remember that it lasted almost every night for about four or five days beginning from about the 9th of July.

THE PRESIDENT: How far apart were the lines?
THE WITNESS: About 4,000 meters.

THE PRESIDENT: What was the nature and extent of the firing by the third party?

THE WITNESS: There were rifle shots. They came from different directions depending upon the location. They came at times from southern directions -- western directions -- and at times from northern directions and they came continuously at times and they came intermittently at other times.

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THE MONITOR: And that fact I reported 1 to Tientsin Headquarter. Not withstanding that report, did you continue to return the fire toward the Japanese lines when these irresponsible people fired in the area between the two lines? THE PRESIDENT: Substitute "Chinese lines" for "Japanese lines" in the question. 8 The Japanese side did not -- Japanese army 9 troops did not respond to that firing. 10 THE PRESIDENT: How did the war start? 11 THE WITNESS: That was happening -- That did 12 not happen at the time the hostilities broke out. Shall I continue to explain? 14 THE PRESIDENT: Yes. 15 THE WITNESS: This firing took place while 16 17 the truce agreement was still in existence between 18 the Chinese and the Japanese side. 19 BY MR. SUTTON (Continued): 20 As a result of this firing which you said 21 took place between the lines were not the Chinese 22 charged with having violated the truce? 23 I did not put that in my report. 24 Was that a fact?

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10	MR. SUTTON: No further cross-examination.
11	MR. KANZAKI: I should like to cross-examine
12	the witness reexamine the witness on one point.
13	I am counsel KANZAKI.
14	REDIRECT EXAMINATION
15	BY MR. KANZAKI:
16	Q Is it not a fact that prior to the Japanese
17	stationing of troops at Fengtai, British troops had
18	been stationed there; were they not?
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20	A I had heard that they had formerly been sta- tioned there.
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22	MR. KANZAKI: That is all, your Honor.
23	THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Levin.
24	MR. LEVIN: Mr. President, we next offer in
25	evidence defense document No. 1103, a statement

THE PRESIDENT: Not yet.

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MR. LEVIN: That's all. May the witness be excused on the usual terms?

THE PRESIDENT: Not yet. I have a few questions to ask.

How did the Japanese succeed in getting a garrison in Fengtai prior to the 18th September, 1936?

THE WITNESS: The stationing of the Japanese troops in Fengtai was carried out in May, 1936 as a result of negotiations conducted between -- conducted at the time between North China Political Regime existing there and the Japanese troops. And, as a result of those negotiations, one battalion was to be permitted to be stationed at Fengtai.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Levin.

MR. LEVIN: May the witness be excused on the usual terms? It is possible, Mr. President, that we might desire to use him again in another phase. With that reservation, I ask that he be excused on the usual terms.

THE PRESIDENT: He is excused accordingly.

(Whereupon, the witness was excused.)

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MR. LEVIN: Next we offer in evidence defense document No. 1103, which is a statement in regard to the Kuang-An Men Incident in relation to the authorities at Peiping deciding to reinforce the Japanese forces stationed near there.

THE PRESIDENT: Brigadier Nolan.

BRIGADIER NOLAN: If it please the Tribunal, we object to this document, your Honor, on the same grounds as the objection made to defense document 985. It is a press release, and it is submitted that it is subject to the same objections and ought to be rejected.

MR. LEVIN: I believe, if the Tribunal please, that there is a stronger reason for admitting this document in evidence than the other. This sets forth why the military authorities at Peiping took certain actions. It is the record of the conduct and action, official action, of the Japanese Government in relation to the incidents that occurred there. It is not indicated here that this is a press release, although I cannot state exactly what it is because the only information I have is the certificate that indicates that it is part of the archives of the Japanese Foreign Office. But, even though that were a fact, it seems to me that this document is clearly

admissible.

THE PRESIDENT: By a majority, the Court upholds the objection and rejects the document.

MR. LEVIN: I now call the witness SAKURAI, Tokutaro.

TOKUTARO SAKURAI, called as a witness on behalf of the defense, being first duly sworn, testified through Japanese interpreters as follows:

## DIRECT EXAMINATION

## BY MR. LEVIN:

Q Please state your name, age and address.

A My name is Tokutaro SAKURAI, I am fiftyone years old, and I reside at Sono-Machi, Miyazaki Prefecture.

Q The Marshal will hand you defense document No. 969. Would you please state whether your signature appears thereon?

(Whereupon, a document was handed to the witness.)

A Yes.

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Japanese text -- original text of the affidavit, has
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on the meaning of the context.

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MR. LEVIN: I now offer in evidence defense document No. 969 which is the affidavit of SAKURAI, Tokutaro.

THE PRESIDENT: Admitted on the usual terms. CLERK OF THE COURT: Defense document No. 969 will receive exhibit No. 2480.

(Whereupon, the document above referred to was marked defense exhibit No. 2480 and received in evidence.)

MR. LEVIN: I shall proceed to read exhibit No. 2480, omitting the formal parts:

"I, SAKURAI, Tokutaro, served in the headquarters of the (Japanese) Garrison Troops in China from May 1936 to August 1937, and at the same time as an adviser to the Hopei-Chahar Political Committee and as a military adviser to the 29th Army I was in service for the Chinese Army. I had the experience of being on the scene when the Lukouchiao Incident broke out, and war busily engaged in mediating between the Japanese and Chinese Army and was injured at last at the Kwangan Gate when the Kwanganmen Incident occurred. I shall now say a few words about circumstances at the time, chiefly about the Lukouchiao Incident.

> "a. Japan's attitude towards China. "Japan's attitude towards China was to realize

a close relationship with China. And it was often admonished by the commander of the Japanese Garrison troops in China or other commanding officers that the Japanese army should never cause a disturbance with China, but should try to realize a close relationship, especially with the Chinese army, regarding it as a friendly army. It was for the purpose of serving as a wedge between these two armies that I became an adviser to the Chinese army.

"b. My Official Duty

"My only duty was to assist the instruction and training of the Chinese 29th army while being a conciliator for the two armies. I believed that it was most important to understand each other well in order to bring about a close relationship between the two armies, so I tried my best to inform the Chinese Army as to conditions in Japan and to bring about mutual inspection of as well as the exchange of courtesies between the two armies.

"Since I 'ed been a professor of the C'inese
Military College in Peiping from 1929 to 1931, I was
well acquainted with the state of affairs in China,
and the commander of the 37th division, Feng Chihian,
the vice-commanders, Chang Ling-yun, a brigade commander,
Liu Tzu-chen and another brigade commander, Hsia were

my students. These facts helped my work go smoothly.

"In carrying out my business, it had been decided that Colonel MATSUI, Takuro, the head of a special service agency in Peiping, should take the measures.

"c. The Chinese Army's attitude towards Japan at the time.

"The attitude of the upper part of the Chinese army was amicable and friendly. Especially Sung Che-yuan, the commander of the army, was very glad to have me as an adviser and instructed me to try my best to bring about a close relationship between Japan and China, emphasizing its necessity. But the lower officers and soldiers of the Chinese Army were not all friendly towards Japan. There were quite a few of them who were anti-Japanese. I tried under difficulties to enlighten those soldiers. Especially after the outbreak of Hsian Accident, their attitude seemed to grow worse. There were communists even in the army, who, in touch with other communists, instigated the anti-Japanese idea in the army.

"d. The day of the outbreak of the Lukouchiao Incident.

"I was in the official residence in Peiping on the night of the 7th of July, 1937. At eleven p.m.

I got a telephone from the Peiping special service agency saying, 'Trouble between Japanese and Chinese armies has just broken out. Come quickly. I went to the special service agency at once and was informed about the conditions. Then I went to Chin Te-Chun, the vice-commander of the 29th army, to determine the actual situation by the order of the head of the agency. While I was there it was decided to dispatch a committee from both the Japanese and Chinese sides for mediation and I, being appointed a member of the committee, started in advance with Chou Yung-eh, a major general of the Chinese Army, by car to the Japanese Army to the scene, the north side of Mount Ichimoji. There was a battalion commander ICHIKI. He was about to take the unit to its post, having received an order from the regimental commander, MUTAGUCHI, that he might return the fire because of the repeated illegal firing of the Chinese Army.

"I asked the battalion commander to give up
the attack against the Yuanping castle for the sake of
the people inside. He approved of what I said and
seemed to have decided to attack only Lungwangmiao
which was the actual point of their firing. Then I
went into the Yuanping castle at once and met Mr. Chin,
a Chinese battalion commander and asked why they had

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opened fire on the Japanese army from Lungwangmiao. The battalion commander answered that since there were no soldiers of his command in Lungwangmiao, they might have been bandits or vagabonds, if there had been any firing. So I reported this to the regimental commander ICHIKI through my secretary SAITO, Hisshu.

"Nevertheless we heard loud gun reports about 5:40 a.m. from the direction of Lungwangmiao. Then the battalion commander Chin confessed that he had his men at Lungwangmiao, canceling his previous words. He had deceived me.

"I inspected the situation from the castle wall with the battalion commander Chin, displaying a white flag. By this time the attack against Lung-wangmiao by the Japanese army had begun. The battalion commander ICHIKI kept his promise and did not attack the Yuanping castle.

"As the Chinese army on the west bank of the Yungting River opened fire when the Japanese army reached Lungwangmia, I ventured to go to the left bank of Yungting River and stopped their firing.

"Then I returned to the Yuanping castle and met Mr. Chi, a Chinese regimental commander. We consulted regarding how to prevent the further spread of

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the incident and we decided to report to our superiors. I had Captain TERAHIRA on the staff of the Peiping special service agency return to Peiping to report this to Colonel MATSUI.

"A truce agreement was concluded on the 9th of July. I went to Lungwangmiao with a member of the Chinese staff, Chou. There were many dead bodies of the Chinese army, bullets and cartridges dispersed in all directions. Seeing this I was convinced that the Chinese army had been occupying Lungwangmiao.

"There I talked with a Japanese captain and non-commissioned officers who had encountered the incident on the night of the 7th of July and was informed about the circumstances of the night when they were attacked all of a sudden by the Chinese army.

"e. Circumstances After the Incident.

"After this there were gun reports at night, when I was staying inside the Yuanping castle with Chinese security units and was watching operations. After inquiries I often found that the Japanese army did no firing but the Chinese army did, saying the Japanese had shot at them.

"One night there was a violent bombardment from the Chinese army prompted by the shooting of firecrackers in a village where there were no garrison troops between both armies. I thought it to be a very serious incident as it seemed to me to be a stratagem of somebody who was between the armies without belonging to either one.

"After this many illegal actions were committed by the Chinese army.

"I myself was often shot at by Chinese sentries.

"Among many illegal actions I know personally particularly of an incident in which a Japanese soldier (TN: or soldiers) was shot at the outside of the Yungting gate and another of a Japanese cavalryman (TN: or cavalrymen) being shot at Tuanchia, south of Nanyuan. I myself went to claim the bodies.

"In those days the Chinese side instigated
the anti-Japanese idea very actively through newspapers and radio and the communist party in Peiping
as well as students from northeastern China became
conspicuous by their anti-Japanese speeches and actions.

"f. The Kwanganmen Accident.

"Although there were three thousand residents inside the Peiping castle, there were only fifty of them left after the Japanese army had been to the Fengtai districts. It was decided then to move a battalion back inside from Fengtai, for it was very

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dangerous to have only fifty people there if worse came to worse.

"In order to avoid misunderstandings we asked the Chinese authorities' consent beforehand. But I went to the Kwangan gate and waited on the castle wall for the Japanese army with a Chinese Colonel Chang Tsu-to in case an incident occurred.

About 7:00 p.m. the Japanese army were approaching the castle gate in vehicles. When the first few vehicles had passed the first gate and approached the second, the Chinese army on the castle wall suddenly attacked the Japanese army, opening fire and throwing grenades. About half of the Japanese troops passed at high speed through the second gate, under fire.

"The shooting was stopped after great difficulty as Chinese company commander Wang and I, amazed at this sudden accident, desperately tried to stop it.

"Then I advised sending Colonel Chang Tsu-to who had been with us to Mr. Sung Che-yuan to report on the circumstances. He hurried to Mr. Sung at once.

"Then while I was still on the scene with my interpreter trying to mediate the interpreter was shot dead and I was shot in the left thigh with a pistol

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by a Chinese soldier. I was taken unaware and immediately jumped down from the wall. The wall was ten metres high but fortunately, I received only a fracture of the right leg. If I had remained on the wall I would have been killed.

"As I was resting in a private house, Chou, a member of the staff, was sent for me. I was taken in his car to the special service agency and after making a detailed report was removed to the military hospital.

"I wrote a report about this incident and presented it to NATSUI, head of the special service agency, on the 26th of July. Since this report is in my possession, I am presenting it together with affidavit for information."

The report follows:

"1. Situation Before the Affair.

"On the morning of 27 July upon receipt of the telegram to the effect that the 2d Battalion (minus one company), of the 2d Regiment Infantry was to enter Peiping from Fengtai to protect the Japanese residents in the city, Adviser MAKAJIMA, with Interpreter SAITO set forth with the Battalion on a liaison mission. The telegram stated that the battalion would enter from Kwanganmen about 4:00 p.m. As it seemed wise to avoid

the battalion coming from Fengtai, while I went to the Chinese Military Government Headquarters. I found that both Brigade Commander Liu and Chief of Staff Hsu had gone to Chin-teh She and were absent, but I came back to the agency and tried to negotiate about the opening of the gate. About 5:30 p.m. there was a telephone from Hopei-Chahar concerning the opening of the gate, and they informed us that Secretary Sung Che-yuan, Chang Tsu-te and a member of Diplomatic Committee Lin Keng-yu would be the witnesses of the Japanese army's passing of the gate. Therefore I went to the Kwangan Gate again with KAWANURA, 1st Class civilian employee, and YOSHITOMI, a member of the special service agency.

"2. The Incident.

"The situation until immediately after the vanguard of the troops had passed the gate.

"I had an interview with Brigade Commander
Wang at the Kwangan Gate police detachment and got the
information that the order concerning the opening of
the gate was issued already from Hopei-Chahar. I
went up on the wall accompanying Brigade Commander
Wang, made the Chinese soldiers thoroughly understand
that they were absolutely forbidden to fire at the
Japanese Army making the entry and made them lay aside

giving the Chinese enough time to excite their suspicion by informing them of the entry too early consequently making the entry impossible, we telephoned to Chang Wuo-chiin, Secretary to Chin Te-chun, to come to the special service agency by 3:30 p.m., but he did not come. At that time, Chief of special service agency, MATSUI, had gone to hand over the ultimatum concerning the Langfang Incident of the previous day to Sung Che-yuan in Chin-teh she. I, Adviser SAKURAI, went to the Kwangan Gate in his place with KAWAMURA, Yoshio, 1st Class civilian employee, and some military policemen at 3:50 p.m.

"At that time Interpreter SAITO was there for purposes of liaison. He negotiated with Wang, 37th Regimental Commander with whom he was acquainted, telephoned to the Chinese Military Government Headquarters and to Brigade Commander Liu Tsu-chen, and it was arranged to open the gate. Therefore we were about to order SAITO to contact (the coming battalion) regarding this situation when a tall man in white twopiece Chinese suit after speaking with Mayor Chin over the telephone, called up the company commander again and had him to close the gate and prepare for fighting on the wall, saying that was the order of Mayor Chin. At this situation we ordered SAITO to make contact with

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the battalion coming from Fengtai, while I went to the Chinese Military Government Headquarters. I found that both Brigade Commander Liu and Chief of Staff Hsu had gone to Chin-teh She and were absent, but I came back to the agency and tried to negotiate about the opening of the gate. About 5:30 p.m. there was a telephone from Hopei-Chahar concerning the opening of the gate, and they informed us that Secretary Sung Che-yuan, Chang Tsu-te and a member of Diplomatic Committee Lin Keng-yu would be the witnesses of the Japanese army's passing of the gate. Therefore I went to the Kwangan Gate again with KAWANURA, 1st Class civilian employee, and YOSHITOMI, a member of the special service agency.

"2. The Incident.

"The situation until immediately after the vanguard of the troops had passed the gate.

"I had an interview with Brigade Commander
Wang at the Kwangan Gate police detachment and got the
information that the order concerning the opening of
the gate was issued already from Hopei-Chahar. I
went up on the wall accompanying Brigade Commander
Wang, made the Chinese soldiers thoroughly understand
that they were absolutely forbidden to fire at the
Japanese Army making the entry and made them lay aside

and cover up their guns and take a rest. Then I made a Chinese policeman outside the gate keep contact with Adviser NAKAJIMA (he was situated at a coaling station by the railway crossing 200 metres west of the gate).

"After a while contact was made by Interpreter SAITO who got out of an automobile and went outside the gate. At this time Secretary Chang came. After I had Brigade Commander Wang explain the situation to the Chinese soldiers again so that there should be no misunderstanding, I had them open up the gate halfway.

"At that time YOSHITOMI was under the gate; SAITO outside the gate by the bridge; KAWAMURA, Chang and I at the north side of the two-storied gate on the wall gate. At some minutes past 6:00 p.m. the Japanese motor transport troops proceeded with Adviser NAKAJIMA's car at the head. As they were just about to enter through the gate, suddenly a few guns were fired 50 meters south of the gate. Following this example, the Chinese soldiers on the wall began to fire without permission. Therefore I, with KAWA-MURA, immediately gave a strict command to the light machine guns at the north side of the two-storied gate to cease fire and also ordered the light machine guns

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which were sweeping the road cease fire and accompanying Brigade Commander Wang went to stop the firing of the Chinese soldiers at the east side of the twostoried gate and on the wall. At this time, about ten of the Japanese trucks had passed the gate already but the Chinese soldiers on the east two-storied gate continued firing and throwing hand grenades. I witnessed the main body of the Japanese motor transportation troops stop and begin to get off the trucks. As the result of making every effort and giving a strict command to stop firing, we were able to stop firing on the wall. Immediately I had Chang go to make contact with Sung Che-yuan. KAWAMURA and I, holding Brigade Commander Wang, gave a strict order to the Chinese, 'Secretary Chang is keeping contact with Sun. You are absolutely forbidden to fire from now. !

"2. The situation from the beginning of the attack by the Japanese within and without the gate until I made escape.

"Until 7 A. M. some of the Chinese fired but somehow we managed to make them stop. When the Japanese within and without the gate . began their activities at some minutes past 7 P. M., the Chinese began to fire from the wall at the Japanese on both sides. Meanwhile, some Chinese infuriated by a few casualties inflicted on the Chinese situated by the north side of the eastern two-storied gate, got close to me and KAWAMURA crying, 'Kill the Japanese.' I, holding Brigade Commander Wang, tried to control the Chinese but in vain. First of all the Chinese of 132d Division fired from a distance of 10 metres. Then light machine guns at the north side of the west two-storied gate began to fire. Adviser KAWAMURA seemed to have been hit by several bullets trying to prevent them from firing, and from the same direction several Chinese rushed forward towards us with Chinese halberds and pistols. Atthis time, also from the direction of the eastern two-storied gate, ten or more Chinese came forward and one

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bullet hit my left leg. Now that there was no use to fight, I grappled with Brigade Commander Wang, and knocking him down I jumped down to the yard between the walls (the north part of the place between the eastern and western two-storied gates), struck my right leg on the concrete roof, falling down from the roof and lighting on the earth on my right shoulder.

"As I was being fired upon and the Chinese on the wall were throwing hand grenades at this time, I entered the barn seeking dead angle. About this time the firing on the wall was very intense, and I presumed the Japanese army to be attacking from within and without the gate. In the yard between the gate walls there was not a single Chinese soldier and though I was sure that they would not come to search for me during the fighting, I prepared some sticks and bricks by way of precaution. Intermittently firing was heard, but at sunset it became calm for a little while. During the night sometimes firing was heard.

"I could not tell whether it was the Japanese attacking from within and without the gate or the nervous Chinese firing wildly at random.

"I took a rest for several hours leaving my

fate to Heaven, then helped by a Chinese policeman who knew me and came to search for me calling my name I went to the Kwangen Gate Branch of Police, met with Staff Officer Chou who came there to search for me. Then I came back to the Special Service Agency and entered the Army Hospital.

"3. The Numerical Strength of the Chinese Army in the Fighting.

"In this incident, the strength of the enemy which was at the Kwangan Gate was sixty soldiers commanded by the 37th Brigade Commander Wang and another 60 soldiers of the 132d Division which were dispatched to take the place of the former. The former were situated west of the western two-storied gate and the latter on the eastern two-storied gate and on the wall.

"This report is to Colonel MATSUI.

"I certify that this report was written by me."

You may cross-examine if you desire.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Tavenner.

LR. TAVENNER: May it please the Tribunal, in an effort to avoid duplication of cross-examination, we do not propose to cross-examine this witness.

THE PRESIDENT: Mr. Levin.

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THE PRESIDENT: He is released accordingly.

(Whereupon, the witness was
excused.)

THE PRESIDENT: What is the name of the
next witness, Mr. Levin?

MR. LEVIN: We now call the witness, WACHI,
Tsunezo.

TSUNEZO WACHI, called as a witness on behalf of the defense, being first duly sworn, testified through Japanese interpreters as follows:

## DIRECT EXAMINATION

BY MR. LEVIN:

Q Will you please state your name, age, and address?

A My name is Tsunezo WACHI; I am forty-seven years old; and I reside at No. 201 Kicki Joji, Tokyo To -- No. 501.

THE MONITOR: No. 500.

Q There will be handed to you defense document No. 594. Will you please state whether your signature appears thereon?

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A Yes.

Q Are the contents of said document true and correct?

A I would like to make two corrections. On paragraph 2 I would like to make a correction in time. "Seven o'clock" should be corrected to "seventeen hours."

THE MONITOR: This evening, "seven o'clock," should be changed to "seventeen hours."

In paragraph 3 the words "today" should be corrected to "that day." That is all.

Q As corrected then, the document is true and correct?

A Yes.

MR. LEVIN: I offer in evidence defense document No. 594, which is the affidavit of WACHI, Tsunezo, as corrected.

THE PRESIDENT: Admitted on the usual terms.

CLERK OF THE COURT: Defense document No.

594 will receive exhibit No. 2481.

(Whereupon, the document above referred to was marked defense exhibit No. 2481 and received in evidence.)

MR. LEVIN: Omitting the formal parts, I am reading the affidavit:

"1. In the year 1922, I graduated from
the Naval Academy and was serving in the Japanese
naval as an officer. In 1937 I was a lieutenantcommander and the first director of the Naval Radio
Receiving Office, located at Owada, Saitam Prefecture. In this office all the foreign radio commu-

nications were intercepted.

"2. It was a little after 3:00 p. m. on Saturday, July 10, 1937, that an urgent code telegram dispatched by a U. S. naval officer in Peking -- the code address 'wife' to the Headquarters of U. S. Naval Operations -- the code address 'Opnam' was intercepted. As it was in a simple cipher, it could easily be decoded. The gist was as follows:

"'According to the information received from a certain reliable source, the junior group of the 29th Army under the command of Sung Che-Yuan is not satisfied with the agreement concluded on the spot and at 17 hours they will start their attack against the Japanese forces.'

"3. I considered this telegram very important and at once telephoned to the Naval General Staff, but as the time happened to be a Saturday afternoon and there was nobody remaining there, I called up Commander YANAGISAWA, the

adjutant of the Navy Ministry, and duly made this report.

"4. I heard later that the navy at once transmitted the report to the adjutant of the war ministry, but, at first the army did not believe it as it happened immediately after the agreement, was made on the spot on that very day. However, it was a fact that from the evening of the loth as per the American telegram, China began to attack, breaking the agreement of that day and the incident became uncontrollable."

THE PRESIDENT: We will adjourn until halfpast nine tomorrow morning.

(Whereupon, at 1600, an adjournment was taken until Wednesday, 23 April 1947, at 0930.)